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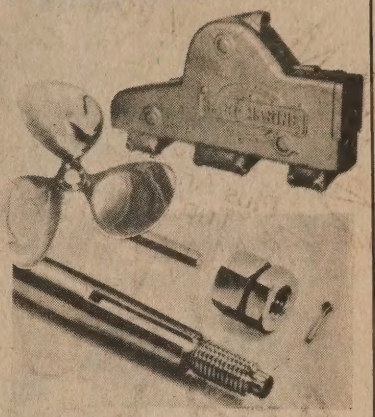

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Contact the Sea Grant Office, (516) 727-3910 for more information.

MINOR REVISIONS MADE IN 1983 ANGLING RULES

International Game Fish Association President E.K. Harry announced recently that there will be no major changes in "International Angling Rules" and "World Record Requirements" for 1983.

"Several rules have been reworded slightly for clarification," said Harry, "but the angling regulations will remain essentially the same."

The only addition to the **International Angling Rules** occurs under "acts which will disqualify a catch" for record and fishing contest claims. The addition states that the catch will be disqualified "if the fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules."

Under **World Record Requirements**, five species will be added to the listing of eligible fishes. They are barramundi, **Lates calcarifer**; Pacific cod, **Gadus macrocephalus**; Pacific crevalle jack, **Caranx caninus**; lingcod, **Ophiodon elongatus**; and Spanish mackerel, **Scomberomorus maculatus**. Record claims for the lingcod and Pacific cod (announced by IGFA as additional species in the middle of this year) were effective for catches made on or after July 1, 1982. Claims for the other three species are effective for catches made on or after January 1, 1983. Maximum line classes acceptable for record claims are 10 kg (20 lb) for Spanish mackerel; 24 kg (50 lb) for lingcod, Pacific cod and Pacific crevalle jack; and 37 kg (80 lb) for barramundi.

Before the listing of freshwater species for which IGFA maintains records, the following will be added to clarify existing policy:

The species listed by IGFA under the "freshwater" category "are also eligible for world records if caught in salt or brackish water. In order to qualify, however, the catch must be made in accordance with freshwater equipment regulations (see 'Double Line' and 'Leader' under **International Angling Rules**)."

Under "Regulations Governing Record Catches," the rule requiring a witness for a fly rod record has been changed to read: "On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are highly desirable if at all possible. It is important that the witnesses can

attest to the angler's compliance with IGFA angling and equipment regulations."

Under "Weighing Requirements for Record Fish," an addition has been made to rule number 5, which will read as follows:

"5. Only weights indicated by the graduations on the scale will be accepted. Visual fractionalizing of these graduations is not allowed. **Any weights that fall between two graduations on the scale must be rounded to the lower of the two.**"

The above changes became effective as of January 1, 1983.

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Boatowners on Long Island Sound and surrounding harbors may request the courtesy motorboat exam by calling CME Officer, Mrs. M. Farkas at 676-6136.

LADY REELERS TOAST BIG FISH OF MAY

The Lady Reelers met recently and acknowledged big catches for the Month of May. Among there were: Elaine Dougherty, 2 lb. 10 oz. flounder, Gardiner's Island; Terri Paley, 11 lb. 10 oz. flounder, Moriches Bay; Sue Cox, 2.7 lb. fluke, 2.4 lb. porgy, Greenport; Bettie Gilliard, 8 lb. 8 oz. American shad, Pond Eddy, NY; Carol Jaspers, 7 lb. 4 oz. blackfish, Shoreham Pipe Line; Elaine Dougherty, 5 lb. blackfish, Shoreham Pipe Line; Lorry Mangan, 3 lb. 8 oz.

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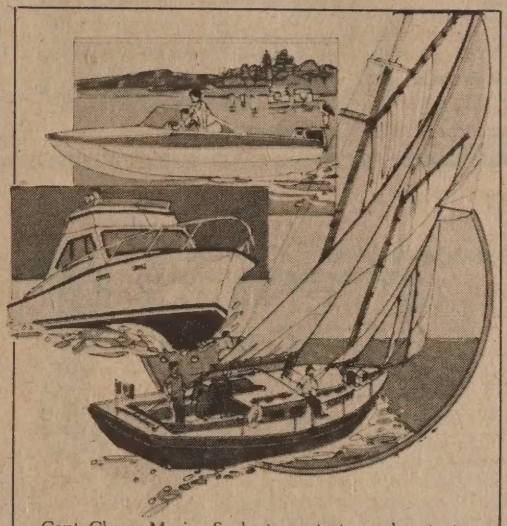

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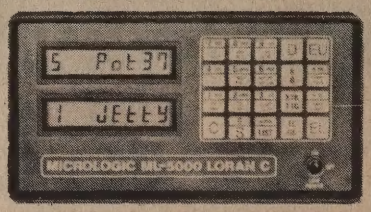

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flounder, Montauk, weakfish 9 lb. 7 oz, Speedy VI; Maryann Padillo, blackfish 5 lbs., caught off the beach at Mt. Sinai; Angela Ferraro, flounder 111 lbs. 5 oz., caught in Kings Park, Diane Camerlingo, flounder 2 lb. 8 oz. Gardiner's Island.

Diane Camerlingo was the Flounder Derby Winner. She caught a 2 lb. 8 oz. flattie off of Gardiner's Island. Fish of the Month was taken by Lorry Mangan for the month of May with a 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder caught in Montauk.

FREEPORT FISHING FESTIVAL SLATED FOR JULY 30TH

The Freeport Tuna Club will hold its 9th Annual Fishing Festival Tournament on July 30, 1983, at the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport.

This Tournament has four individual categories: shark, tuna, billfish and bluefish and is open to both clubs and individual fishermen.

The entry fee is $180 for boat captain and four anglers.

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CHUM LINES

HUDSON RIVER STRIPERS: PCBs AND HATCHERY

Around four months ago my daughter-in-law sent a letter to Matt Ahern about a fish hatchery to be built by Con Edison where they will raise striped bass until they grow to be 3 inches long then released in the Hudson River. The question was won't they become infected with PCB?

He wrote back and said to write to Mr. Muller that he was better informed on that, which she did.

So I am sending you some information that maybe after you read it you could make something out of it.

For one copy tells you what they are going to do and the next copy tells you what you can do, so tell me why they are putting them back when the waters around New York City are contaminated. It does not make sense.

Thank you. Yours in sports, *Joseph Novak, NYC*

Dear Mr. Muller:

I have been reading your magazine for over 10 years. Six or seven years ago you printed many articles on PCBs and striped bass fishing. I read all these articles and am convinced that the striped bass in the Sound are not fit to eat, especially the big ones.

It's a known fact that the stripers go up the Hudson River in the winter. In the period of wintering they pick up the PCBs from the bottom of the Hudson River which is polluted by the deadly chemical.

Since then fishermen I know have been selling and eating these fish. How come the law does not stop the restaurants and fish markets from buying these contaminated fish? I have also read and seen on television many bad reports about the stripers.

Please write someting in your magazine and to our legislators to stop this bad practice of selling and eating these fish.

What is the truth about these fish? Are they fit to eat or not? Would appreciate your thoughts on this subject. Thank you. An avid reader. *Anthony Cotte.*

Since both of the above letters really deal with the same topic we hope this single response will suffice for both. First for Mr. Cotte. Although PCB contamination is a big problem in the Hudson River the level of contamination is not the same in all specimens. Some striped bass sampled in the Hudson have been found to contain dangerously high levels of PCBs while other fish have PCB level so low as to be insignificant in comparison to other species of fish that do not have a PCB problem. When bass are taken from areas away from the river, the results are even less clear. The Hudson River has been closed to commercial fishing for bass and a few other species for some years now (I believe only shad can be taken) and the river may remain closed for several more years depending upon the results of chemical tests in the Hudson water column and in fish taken from the river. There has been an effort to clean up the river and PCBs are no longer being dumped. PCB levels in the river had dropped sharply and there was some discussion of opening the river to commercial fishing until a new problem surfaced. The next toxicant is agent orange—a known carcinogen. Based upon chemical contamination alone, it would be indefensible to argue against the taking and sale of striped bass since the majority of fish taken in the ocean (not the river) have PCB levels that are safe. Thus the risk to humans is low as long as they exercise restraint and eat the fish only occasionally.

For Mr. Novak. For many years a debate had raged over the millions of young striped bass that are killed each year because of the cooling systems used by power plants on the Hudson. These cooling systems suck in great quantities of water, circulate the water through the plant to cool internal mechanisms, and then pump the heated water back into the river.

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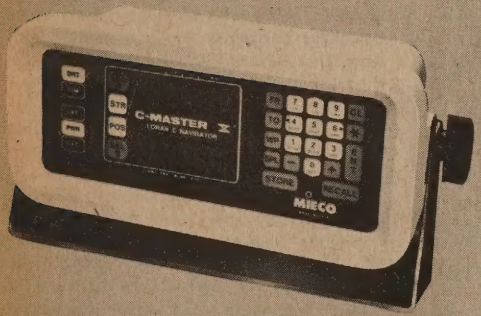

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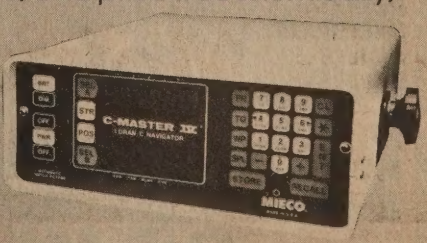

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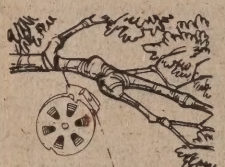

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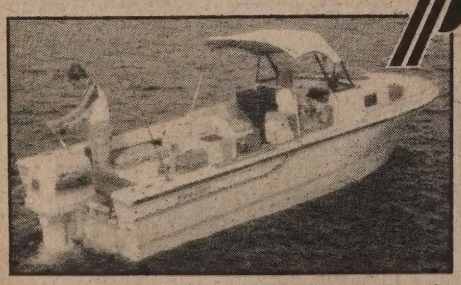

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LET THE BAIT GO TOO!

To all Fishermen:

I would ask you to consider the following suggestion. After a day of fishing with live bait, e.g., worms, fiddlers, clams, etc., please realize that if I return the remaining "live bait" back to the waters a(the live bait remains *a-live*; b) the "live bait" is given a chance to grow, reproduce and possibly improve the waters; c) also consider the idea "one receives what one gives."

I not only believe, but common sense can figure that if we do return just the remaining "live bait" from the day of fishing imagine the potential prospect of seeing our waters return to their proper balance.

We live in a disposable age: use and dispose. I think we need to realize and be made aware of the need to replenish the resources that we use; to create new and positive habit of returning life, for life to continue in our waters. Fisherman, *Craig T. Harges., Flushing, NY*

We agree. There is no reason why the extra bait can't be returned to the sea. Sure, what's one worm, but thous-

ands from hundreds of anglers adds up to a big plus for the ocean. Even dead bait should be given up to the sea where many creatures will eat it and perhaps in turn become fodder for something bigger. Good work! That's conservation in action. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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To those men and women who read the Long Island Fisherman I ask them to re-assess their values of our oceans. The people who want to preserve the oceans for future generations, those people who want U.S. fishing rights protected by the 200 mile limit should stop looking at the conservation issue in the grand sense and should examine their own fishing practices. The macho, ego-building practice of taking as many fish as possible is wasteful and unsportsman like. Many people speak out against over-fishing on the commercial scale, the private boat owner is guilty of the same practice on a personal level. I am a fisherman, I frequent the local waters of the South Shore, I take what I can eat, but in my younger days I took as many fish as I could haul in. In a small way I am responsible for less fish in once abundant waters.

The practice of boating as many fish as possible is carried out to our ocean. Deep sea fishing by some "sportsmen" is digustingly wasteful. Does the death of the fish caught signal the completion of a hard fought battle? No. The true sportsman takes what can be eaten by himself and friends, then carefully releases other catches to spawn and add to the dwindling fish population.

I have deep sea fished off Moriches Inlet. The "game fish" we were after was shark. On the one occasion we boated a shark. It was hung on the side of the boat as a morbid trophy. At my suggestion the fish was released; hurt but still alive. If a fisherman wants a real challenge I suggest boating a thrashing shark (unharmed) then releasing it for scientific study.

Children learn from our examples. Let's all start showing the young the importance of the food we get from the sea. Sincerely, *Jack Petersen, Bay Shore, NY.*

Perhaps it is the natural cycle of things that causes us to bring hom outsized catches of fish and fish that can't be used when we are first starting to experience a measure of fishing success. Perhaps it is also the evolution of sport fishing that after awhile we tire of this and begin to re-examine our approach to fishing. We tire of being unable to unload certain fish and we tire of cleaning them at odd hours. Some turn to selling their catch. We have expressed the opinion here on these pages many times that we disagree with the selling of fish by recreational fishermen. Some disagree with us pointing out that economics, not sportsmanship is the cause for selling. Each is entitled to their point of view. Yet

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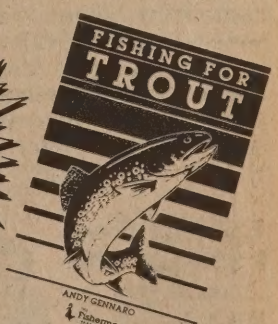

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COMPLAINS ABOUT NEW BOAT RAMP

I am writing this letter in response to your editorial in last week's Long Island Fisherman on the new boat ramp in Kings Park State Hospital Grounds.

You seem mighty concerned of the people right now occupying the grounds (people with no right to do so) and understand a lot of concessions made to satisfy their demands. I am not one of these people. I am a resident of Smithtown, a boatman of Smithtown, and a taxpayer of Smithtown.

I know since last year that the state was trying to open the ramp to all state residents. This is the first time I heard that Fisherman is behind it. I am sorry, but I expected different.

Yes, the ramp is very well protected from any kind of weather like you mentioned. Now a few things you forgot to mention:

1. The ramp is located in Nissequogue River, very shallow in most parts and narrow.

2. The exit from the river to Long Island Sound is shallow and treacherous and for most of the boats exit is possible only at high tide.

3. The same applies to the return into the river. At times this can be dangerous due to weather conditions, as all boats try to return at the same time. (Trust me, I have had this experience already!)

4. The river on its widest spot is packed with moored boats. (I have moored my boat there for the past three years.) No accidents, theft, or vandalism have occurred in these three years. If it weren't for the sea gull droppings and minor overcrowding it would be perfect! Please promise me the same for the next three years.

5. The fishing admittedly has been plentiful, but on very small already overcrowded shallow, three to six foot area of water, and I would like to believe that you already know all the boat traffic the new ramp is going to bring, is absolutely going to destroy it.

6. The town boat ramp brings, especially on weekends and hot summer day, tremendous boat traffic into the river. All those boats maneuvering for position on the path of the, let's call them *New Boats*, combined with a very fast moving current, accidents are inevitable.

7. On the outside of the river (not to the left) of shall we refer to it as *was* a little beautiful town beach (Short Beach). I know it's selfish of me, but I would prefer it to stay a small beautiful town beach rather than a Sunken Meadow #2; or maybe you can tell me how to stop these non-residents from beaching their boats and using our beautiful and clean beach, which is kept that way thanks to our tax dollars.

8. I know of a few instances last year that the Coast Guard could not keep up with distress calls coming in all at the same time. You don't really believe with all the cuts in services that they are going to increase Coast Guard equipment and personnel.

I am not against the idea of new ramps on the North Shore or in Kings Park, but why *only* in Kings Park? It's going to be overcrowded at all times.

You did not mention the number of parking spaces for trailers. I know if I drove from New York or any other place I would park my trailer anywhere to go fishing. In essence, you're taking a loaf of bread from a family and trying to feed a thousand other families. They are going to starve to death. It's just not enough. I think you know all this but you are overlooking it or you just don't care. You only want to see a dream come true so bad that you don't care who you step on.

If I surprise you with something new, you must be working for the wrong paper. This is *The Long Island Fisherman*, isn't it? A Long Island Fisherman myself, *Nick Kountourakes, Commack, NY.*

We will not respond to your points item by item because space will not allow. However, there are several points we wish to make about the new boat launch ramp. First, our readers have been demanding new ramps for about a decade and obviously, any new ramp has to be in someone's back yard. That doesn't mean that officials should ignore the potential for inconvenience to local residents. That is why the plan for this site calls for changes and alterations to reduce or eliminate the problems you point to in your letter. For example, the moored boats will be moved to a safer spot and the parking lot will be expanded and improved. Safety and crowds are problems everywhere. All the south shore inlets can be very, very dangerous especially in poor weather. Should we therefore close these areas to boat traffic? Then, too, perhaps crowds would be light if we had several dozen state ramps instead of a handful. Finally, we wish to point out that we received many letters and phone calls objecting to this ramp. We did not receive a single positive letter or phone call, yet at meetings and hearings in the mid-1970s our readers expressed very strong feelings about having more ramps on Long Island. It has taken five years of intense and tricky work to bring this ramp to Long Island and we must say that the response to our success has been less than encouraging. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WHERE IS THE EAGLE?

The Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. How can you buy or sell the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. Yet we do not own the freshness of the air or the sparkle of the water. How can you buy them from us? Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shiny pine needle, every shady shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory of my people.

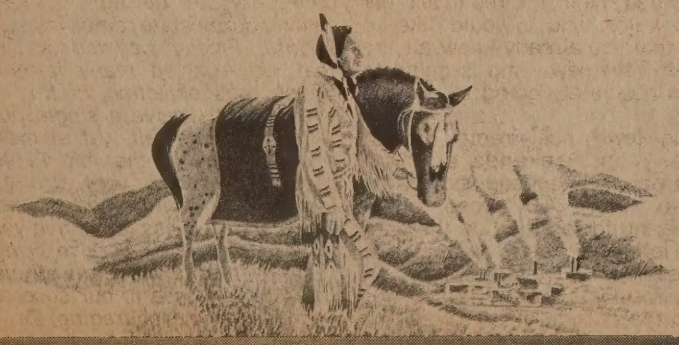
We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother but his enemy, and when he has conquered it he moves on. He leaves his fathers' graves, and his children's birthright is forgotten.

"There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the leaves of spring or the rustle of insect wings. But perhaps because I am savage and do not understand, the clatter only seems to insult the ears. And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lovely cry of the whippoorwill or the argument of the frog around the pond at night?

The whites too shall pass, perhaps sooner than other tribes. Continue to contaminate your own bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

When the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses all tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with the scent of many men, and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires. Where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone. And what will it be to say goodbye to the swift and the hunt, it will be the end of living and the beginning of survival."

Chief Sealth of the Duwanish Tribe from Washington State sent this letter to President Franklin Pierce in 1855.



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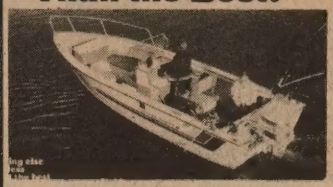

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UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS

by Fred Golofaro

After most Great South Bay anglers have given up the weakfish hunt, the best of the action is just getting started for those in the know.

For the vast majority of anglers who ply the waters of Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet, weakfishing is synonymous with the month of May. For over a decade now, weakfish fans have eagerly awaited the highly touted spring run. While I bubbled with as much enthusiasm as anyone over this fine action. the fact of the matter is that these runs have diminished in recent years to the point of being only a shadow of what they once were. Most everyone agrees that we were spoiled by those peak years of the species' cycle back in the early to mid-Seventies. Yet, there still remain some excellent opportunities for tangling with trophy tide runners on light tackle in this area.

Some of the best weakfish action of the season for the past several years has occurred during the months of June and July rather than in the spring when most anglers are geared to think weakfish. While Long Island Sound and Montauk get the attention of most weakfishermen during the summer months, a very small number of local anglers have been doing a fine job on the tiderunners right in their own backyard. Fishing "under the cover of darkness" has been the key to their success as well as switching their efforts from the time honored spring hotspots to the edge of the deep channel which borders Fire Island's South Beach.

I know that there are many boatmen who shy away from running these waters after dark and for any number of good reasons. It is possible, though, to catch a tide early in the night by crossing the bay in the evening. This leaves only your return trip to be made in the dark. It should be noted, too, that every boatman should make it a point to keep a log of compass headings from buoy to buoy between the fishing area and his home port. This makes the run back and forth across the bay a piece of cake and your only real concern need be other boatmen. Not unlike driving a car, keep an eye out for the other guy. Also, restrict the use of spotlights as they only hinder the night vision of yourself and other boatmen. There is nothing more irritating than getting blasted by a light beam while peering through the black of night.

Another alternative is to plan your fishing trips around the full moon periods. A clear, moonlit night is sometimes akin to running in broad daylight. Furthermore, phosphores-

cence can become a hindrance to your fishing, particularly in July, and moonlight is the only real cure.

Most of this after-dark action occurs along the edges of the old inlet channel between the Kismet Reef and a point just west of the WR buoy. The preferred tactic is to drift along the deepwater side of these edges, directing your casts into the shallows and making your retrieve over the steep dropoffs which characterize most of this stretch of water. There are nights when the fish seem to favor the main part of the channel. Therefore, it pays to stagger your drifts until you hit a fish or hear fish rolling on the surface, which is a common occurrence on quiet nights. If the fish seem to be concentrated in a particular rip or area, anchoring up will often produce good results and alleviates the need for running back and forth to repeat your drift. On very calm nights, the fish can be easily spooked by any unnecessary engine noise. Keep your boat's speed way down while fishing. Avoid speeding back for that next drift as well as any racing of your engine. Both can put these fish off of their feed as can shining bright lights across the surface of the water. Keep both noise and light activity to a bare minimum here.

Tackle should be kept on the light side with six to seven foot spinning rods (often sold as heavy freshwater/light saltwater) and matching reels (comparable in size to Penn's 710Z or 712Z) spooled with eight or ten pound test quality mono. For those who prefer baitcasting tackle, this fishing is ideally suited to it and provides a little extra control should you hang a good size striper or outsize weak.

A small selection of lures have proven themselves for this fishing, so there is no need to lug along half of your tackle collection. Bucktails in the 3/8 to 3/4 ounce size range (I prefer white), 4½ and 5½ inch Rebels in both floating and sinking models, and the usual leadhead-jelly worm combo have all taken fish on a regular basis. Bucktails can be fished unadorned, with a narrow strip of red or white pork rind or with a jelly worm slipped up the shaft of the hook. Two other lures which often come through here and you might want to include in your small arsenal are TriFin's Whiptail and Eelworm. Both should be in the 3/4 ounce size range.

Tides play an important role in this fishing and in the past, the last half of the flood and the first two hours of the ebb have produced the best results. Weed can be a real plague in Great South Bay during the summer months but these tidal phases provide minimal interference from the weed problem in this part of the bay.

As I said earlier, few anglers take advantage of this fine action with big weaks. If you decide to give it a shot this season, respect the rights of those who have been enjoying it in relative solitude. Move slow, fish quiet and enjoy!

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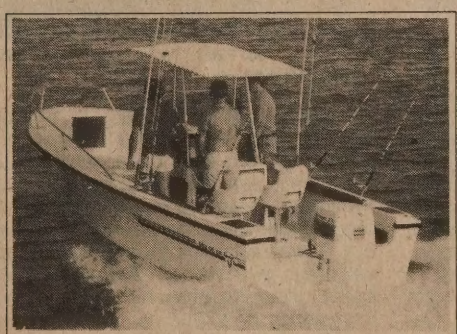

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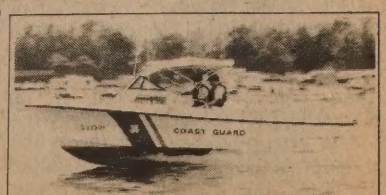

THE ROYAL WARRIOR

by Matt Ahern

This classy bottom hugger gets a three star rating from our resident sinker bouncing expert.

I was fluke fishing the day I caught my first sea bass. After reading that, I don't blame you if you're wondering how a guy can go fluke fishing and come up with sea bass. Well, it wasn't easy—especially for a fisherman who didn't know beans about fishing. But it did happen.

Instead of rambling on, it is perhaps better I tell you this all happened about 56 years ago when I was a mere tad of thirteen. Time hasn't dimmed its memory one bit.

I was fluke fishing aboard Canarsie's old Rose R II that day. As usual, the fishing was being done off Sandy Hook, which at that time was the place to fill sacks to overflowing with fluke. Because I've written about this superb fishing so much lately, I won't go into details, but needless to say, 50/60 years ago Sandy Hook, New Jersey really did produce tons of fluke for veteran and novice alike.

Well, anyway, we were on this particular drift when my drop line became hung-up in what was perhaps the remnants of wreckage from a long-forgotten accident. It probably then consisted of no more than a small, decaying lump of rubble. I say this because I was the only fisherman snagged, and all passengers were fishing close quarters, shoulder-to-shoulder as it were.

The Rose R continued its drift as I fed line out until all but 15 or 20 feet were left on the winding stick. I didn't mind breaking off the rig and losing it, what bothered me was the time and the fish I would lose re-rigging. As a novice, I wasn't all that nimble. And because of this, I decided to hang on until the last possible minute. Maybe, I reasoned, something would happen. And it did. Suddenly the line broke free and moved to the right in a tight arc, whereupon it immediately became entangled with several other lines and created a mess. And what a mess!

Groans and moans were aplenty. Mumbles of "damn fool kid," and other assorted goodies came to my ears and smote me where I stood. But there was nothing I could do about that. I knew most of those fishermen didn't mean what they said, but human nature being what it is, feelings had to be vented some way. All this was quickly forgotten when one fisherman deep in the mess called out: "Hey! The kid's got a whopper sea bass!"

A big sea bass falls victim to an open boat angler off of Long Island's South Shore.

Sure enough. Attached to my drop line rig, and with the killy-bait still dangling from its mouth, was one of the nicest sea bass I've caught over the years. It wasn't a monster by any means, maybe three pounds (maybe), but it was a real old-time humpback sea bass with those beautiful iridescent greenish-blue hues and shadings which only God can conceive and create. It was beautiful, no question about that, and I know that if I caught such a handsome sea bass today, I would return it, not caring how large it might be. But when you're 13 years old...

So ends the saga of my first sea bass. Just though you'd like to know about it.

Sea bass begin arriving off Long Island about the third week of May, but fishing in earnest doesn't really start until early June. Evidently sea bass aren't as water temperature conscious as many fishermen believe. I know that at this time of year, ling can also be found with the bass when wreck fishing. And ling will vacate an area at the first sign of warm water. Perhaps this is why sea bass can usually be found on offshore wrecks before sea porgies take over several weeks later.

The largest concentrations of sea bass reach from Delaware and Virginia, with a spill-over to Massachusetts and a few reaching Maine. But for all general purposes we can say the greatest amount take up housekeeping from New Jersey to Long Island. Many years ago we used to catch huge sea bass out of Mattituck, but I haven't heard much from that area for years. The deep waters of Long Island Sound harbor sea bass, and this makes them available for Connecticut fishermen.

This handsome fish, with its deep indigo coloration and white tipped scales, is not a large fish. The average around Long Island is around one to one-and-a-half pounds. Its large head

and fins lend the appearance of being twice as heavy; therefore, I'm always a bit skeptical of reports telling of huge amounts of five and six pounders being caught. Ocean-going sea bass will occasionally reach this weight, but they are few and far between unless one fishes in the southern part of its range. The largest weight recorded was a little better than eight pounds—which is certainly nothing to sneeze at.

The tackle for sea bass need not be elaborate, the only requirement being it should be sturdy enough to use in fairly deep water where currents are likely to be strong, such as around rocky ledges. At times, wreck fishing will call for heavier than usual sinkers. The sea bass is one fish that likes a generous amount of water overhead.

These requirements automatically eliminate the use of light spinning tackle. There are times sea bass are caught in depths as shallow as 20 feet and you might be able to get by with medium-weight spinning equipment. However, a medium-weight conventional rod and reel is a better choice. The reel should be filled with at least 150 yards of 20/30 pound test monofilament—a good grade! I say this because sea bass fishing calls for the best.

Terminal tackle requirements are simple.

A bank sinker is best to use, especially around wrecks, because its teardrop shape enables it to slide past many obstructions which would snare an ordinary flat-sided sinker. Sinker weight depends upon where the fishing is being done, but as a rule a five ounce will suffice around sunken wrecks. On rocky bottoms such as those found on the Cholera Bank, The Farms, The Angler Banks, and so forth, an eight ouncer is almost mandatory—especially around full moon time. It is wise to carry spare hooks and sinkers at all times when sea bass fishing.

As for hooks, I've found the best type is the Sproat in sizes from 3/0 to 5/0. As with all bass, our friend is also blessed with a generous mouth, therefore, large hooks can be used; but it isn't necessary to go beyond that 5/0. The snells should be of at least 30 pound test leader material. Some fishermen frown on anything less than 40 pound test because of the obstructions sea bass love to prowl around in.

The best rig-up is the common deep-sea, high-low rig. It isn't necessary to use three-way swivels. With these you are quite likely to become fouled when fishing real "sticky" bottom.

If your hooks have ordinary 10 inch snells, tie the first one that far above the sinker. The same with hooks having 12 inch snells, and so forth. The second hook is placed high enough to clear the lower one by a few inches. Sea bass aren't true bottom feeders, as are flounder, for instance, and you'll find that, when wreck fishing especially, most of your bass will hit the top hook.

As noted, porgies often share the same grounds with sea bass. Should you find them stealing your bait, replace the lower hook with a #1 or 1/0 and add them to your catch. Many times blackfish are found on the same grounds, but unless you are fishing a choice location, most of these will be small. The large blacks are in deeper, colder waters awaiting the arrival of autumn.

I've found that sea bass will take a variety of baits, the most popular being fresh skimmer clam. Strips of sea bass or other fish bait also work well. So do live killies—as if I needed proof of that! One of the better baits is squid, which should be sliced into three to four inch strips. Run the hook through the slice two or three times and allow a portion to hang from the end. It is best to allow the point and barb to show—the fish never notice, and it assures easier hooking. Incidentally, if the squid slice is pounded gently with a mallet, it will exude juices which often attract the larger bass.

Sea bass often saturate a fishing area overnight. I recall one day in early June party boat fishing for ling on the Subway Grounds south of old Ambrose Lightship. We began to pick up several early-run sea bass just before leaving time. The next day we returned armed with squid and filled every butter tub and barrel on board with humpback sea bass from two to three pounds. So don't overlook the possibility of squid doing the same for you.

Sea bass dote on a moving tide and they will often stop hitting on slack water. If you're fishing rocky areas when this happens, you can often get them to bite again by lowering a diamond jig tipped with squid. Flash it off bottom with short, snappy flips of the rod tip. They will grab hold immediately.

Some days you will find sea bass will hit only a moving bait; therefore, it is always good practice to jig the line a bit. You will notice bass hitting solidly when this is done. They aren't one bit shy.

A word of caution when removing sea bass from the hook: these fish carry a dorsal fin armed with strong, needle-sharp spines. If you handle your sea bass carelessly, let me say that you will remember it—vividly! The best way to unhook a sea bass is to insert a thumb in the lower jaw and bend down. The bass will become perfectly still, allowing you to remove the hook with ease.

As this is being written (Memorial Day), reports have it that the sea bass fishing seems to be the best in years. Well—we'll see about that come September, but no doubt there is an improvement coming up. You should make it a point to give it a try. As for me, heck man, you couldn't keep me away. Why I might even catch the grandpa of that one I caught 56 years ago! And wouldn't that be nice.

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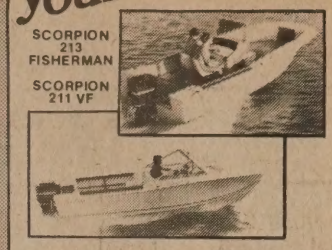

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ON JIGS AND JIGGING

by Bill Ricca

During the past ten years, diamond jigging has become one of the most popular methods used to catch blues, weaks and bass. In general, diamond jigging consists of the lowering and subsequent raising of a lure down to the bottom and then bringing it back up to the boat. The lure may be raised just a few feet or all the way to the surface. There are many variables which determine the exact method as to how the jig is worked. Correspondingly, there are numerous types of jigs in various sizes that could be employed in this form of "vertical trolling." Originally there were just a few types of chrome plated jigs used in this form of fishing. These lures were manufactured by Bridgeport and AVA and were used by only a few fishermen to take bass, blues and weaks.

There are many factors and theories that have contributed to the growth in popularity of this technique. In my opinion, the main reasons for its rise was the abundance of first, sand eels, then the resurgence of weakfish and the up-cycle of bluefish. Let me take some time to explain what I mean by this.

Most species of fish are cyclical by nature; that is, there are periods when they are more plentiful than others. These periods vary from species to species and can last a year or two to several decades. We are presently in a period of plenty as far as sand eels, weakfish and blues are concerned. Sand eels are a baitfish which travel in great schools. They are a favorite and important souce of food for numerous larger fish. Diamond jigs, as well as other types of lures, when worked properly, are designed to imitate these sand eels. When you employ these types of lures and jigs you are matching the available bait supply.

Since both weaks and blues spawn in our area, the young of these species become an additional food source. When small blues and weaks are in evidence, their appearance and swimming habits will be imitated by a jig. So with the recent abundance year after year of these small weaks and blues, jigging has really taken hold.

The resurgence of the weakfish has opened up this form of fishing to anglers who may not have tried it previously. When the weaks made their comeback in the mid- to late Sixties, the most popular lure used was the plastic shrimp (in one form or another). It was cast from a boat, permitted to sink to the bottom and bounced or retrieved. Hey! This is jigging! Ever since, different lures have evolved. Each year a new weakfish killer lure hits the market. Through trial and error, we have found that most of these weakfish lures will and do take a large toll on bass and blues also.

I realize that there could be other factors that have added to the popularity of this form of fishing such as the high cost of fuel and the dislike or lack of knowledge of wire line trolling. However, from a purely natural sense, I feel that my bait and abundance theory is a valid assumption.

Diamond jigging, or just "jigging," has many "ins and outs." So much is determined on where you are fishing, the type of tackle used, the type of fish you are after, the jig you are using, etc., that to come up with a foolproof guarantee for success is impossible. What I will attempt to do is outline some of the tackle, jigs, methods and areas that have proven successful for me over the years around Long Island. These are not the only methods, techniques and locations available, but they have panned out well as far as I am concerned. There are those who have been at this game a lot longer than I have and I yield to their expertise. But as I previously mentioned, I've done well with my methods, so why knock success?

Long Island Sound: By far and away, most jigging in this area is on the Long Island side of the Sound. The most productive areas are between Bayville and Port Jefferson with the Triangle area off Eaton's

Some of the more unique styles of jigs include the Sand Eel Jig, Spoon Jig, Butterfish Jig and Tiger Tails.

Neck, Lloyd Point, and Port Jefferson being the most productive. Here, bass, blues and weaks are caught in varying numbers and sizes. During the last few seasons, however, the weakfish, based on a per fish average, have been the largest of the three taken. These tiderunners average six to nine pounds and go up to twelve or more. Weakfish will be taken from late May until late August. Mid-June to early August is peak time here. The best time to fish for these Long Island Sound weaks is very early morning, about an hour before sunrise until about an hour after sunrise and then again in the evening just at sunset into darkness. The darker it gets the slower you can work your jig.

Blues, mostly one to five pounds with some six to eight pounders, are available from late June to November, with July through September the peak period.

While there is a spring run of bass, jig fishing is reserved mostly for October and November. Most of the bass that are available are schoolies, two to eight pounds with a few going to 20 pounds.

Light to medium conventional tackle gets the nod in this area. Line test can range from 10 pounds in a bait casting outfit to 20 or 25 pound test in a medium saltwater jigging outfit.

The accepted method of jigging, in this area, is to drift and let your lure sink to the bottom and then retrieve it. Weakfish and bass, since they hug the bottom, require a very slow rate of retrieve. All that is necessary is to let your lure hit bottom, pause just a second, reel in about eight turns and then repeat the process again. In fact, with some jigs, on some days, all that is needed is to lower your lure to the bottom, free spool some line so you have a bit of scope in it and just slow lift every now and then. Bluefish, on the other hand, require a faster retrieve. Keep in mind that bass and weaks will remain tight to the bottom, while blues are likely to be anywhere. Therefore, you should continue your retrieve almost to the surface if you're looking for action with choppers.

Reels such as the Penn 940 and 930, Ambassadeur 6500 and 7000, Penn Squidder and Daiwa 27H and 30H are all excellent reels for this type of fishing as they can all be spooled with light to medium line. All have excellent drag systems and will work out well for this type of fishing. Rods may vary from light 5½ footers to medium fast taper 7 foot rods. In this area, smaller jigs such as the AVA 27, 17 and 007, TriFin two ounce tiger finish and small sand eel jigs, one and two ounce Tiger Tails, and the new Nordic eels have all proven themselves.

East End: Here the jigging is very specialized. Since the water is deeper and runs faster than at other spots on the Island, larger jigs are necessary. Also, heavier line, reels and rods are also advisable. Line will range from

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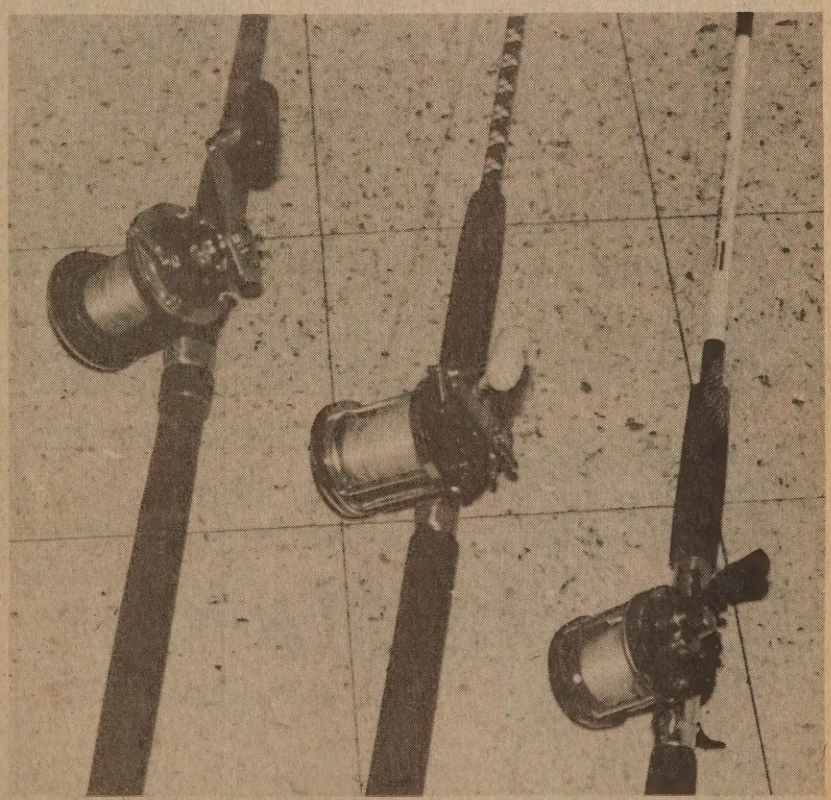

A trio of good jigging outfits suited to different areas around the Island. From left to right: the Daiwa 50H is spooled with 30 pound test, the Penn Squidder with 20 and the Ambassadeur 6000 with 12 pound test.

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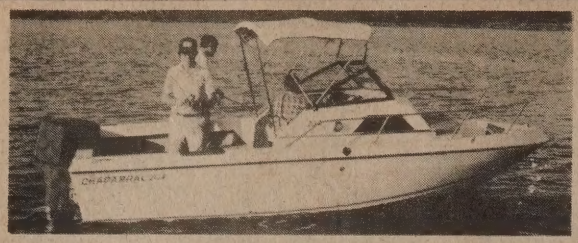

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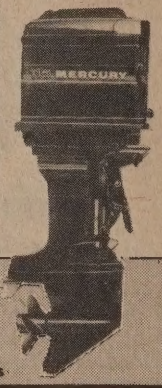

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15 to 30 pound test. Popular reels are the Penn Jigmaster and Squidder, Daiwa 30H and 50H, Ambassadeur 7000 and Shimano's Mark I and Mark II. Most any good quality reel of at least 3.5 to 1 ratio will do the trick provided it is spooled with good line and has a smooth working drag system. Rods vary from six to eight feet and are on the medium to medium heavy side. They must be able to handle jigs of up to eight ounces. I've found that the new heavy action Fenwick Pacific Sticks with their fast taper are very applicable to the heavy water found here.

Bridgeport, AVA, and TriFin jigs are the most popular and all take fish. Sizes range from two to eight ounces. In most cases, I use a jig with a tail (tube) on it. The most productive colors are green, white and red.

Fishing here is similar to Long Island Sound in that a slow retrieve is best for bass and weaks. On the other hand, bluefish, especially when not near the bottom, prefer a fast retrieve.

It is important to note that while fishing out east, one should have on board a good supply of different jigs in various sizes. It is also wise to have a spare rod and reel with you. One never knows when something may fail on you.

Small to medium size blues generally invade the East End in early June and by the third week of the month they are pretty well entrenched from the Midway rips to Block Island. It is also about this same time that any spring run of bass will materialize, but don't hold your breath. The fall run is about the only real action that you can look forward to for any constant action. These bass will be taken in and around the various rips in the vicinity of the point. Periods of moving water are best for any fishing at Montauk. As the tide starts to pump, bait is pushed around, becomes disoriented and is an easy meal for hungry predators.

In the Spring, while the numbers are lower, the average size of the bass is larger with a lot of 10 to 20 pounders and a few in the 30s and 40s. But, all in all, the fall run is better. Last year, we took most of our bass at Montauk from the second week in October through the first 10 days of November. While most were school size into the mid-teens, I did have one of my charters jig a beauty of 40 lbs. even.

Large blues peak from mid-July till mid-November. However, jigging for these monsters is in top form during August and early September at Block Island and September and October at Cartwright. The fishing will hold up at Block for most of the season, but why run that far when you can take them at Cartwright? Medium sized fish (6 to 10 lbs.) can be taken all summer long at Midway, the Sub Buoy and Southwest Ledge. During September and October, the waters under the light teem with small blues, a few weaks and an occasional bass. These

fish are fun on small jigs and bucktails fished on light lines. On occasion, most diving birds will be a dead give-away to the presence of these fish.

Weakfish make their presence felt at Montauk in late June or early July. Close to shore they can be taken on small jigs like the two, three or four ounce TriFin Tiger or Spoon Jigs worked right on the bottom. Weakfishing was hot from the first of July through August. Some of the early hotspots were Shagwong, the North Rips and the Elbow, early on in the run, and Midway towards the end. Fishing at Midway at times required jigs of from four to six ounces.

As an aside, nighttime fishing for weaks has been good and very underplayed. Based on information I received from some commercial pin hookers I know, I got in on some very hot nighttime weakfish action last year. These weaks fell for small white bucktails, small sand eel jigs and four inch floating Rebel lures.

South Shore: Jig fishing on the South Shore of Long Island is unique in that the bottom is very regular. It is the exact opposite of the North Shore or East End in that it is a regular sand bottom as opposed to the boulder and gully-strewn bottom encountered in the other areas. There isn't any place for the bait to hide, the tide here moves slower and everything is exposed. The bait tends to spread out more at various depths. With no place to hide or rest, the bait will constantly be on the move.

When jigging for blues here, one must fish the entire depth, at least until the fish are located. A very fast retrieve is necessary and reels such as the Daiwa 50H or Penn Jigmaster with their fast rates of retrieve are a must.

Jigging for bass is generally done in the late summer into and through the fall. Weakfishing is hot right from August through September and into October. Small jigs, worked slowly, prove best for bass and weaks. Over the past two seasons Tiger Tail jigs and Nordic Eel jigs have been the hot lures in the New York Bight areas of the South Shore. This area has been far and away the most consistent place to fish on the South Shore. What the fish lack in size, they make up for in numbers.

Bluefish have been small during the summer months, but have been replaced by real monsters in October and November. I feel that these large blues are the animals moving down the coast from Block Island and Montauk.

Choice of tackle here should be consistent with the size of the fish available. Jig fishing has so many variables and variations that the individual fisherman really has a great many choices as to line test, type and size of rod and reel used, size of lure, color of tube, speed of retrieve, etc. All of these factors add up to it being a thinking man's game and a fun way to catch the "big three."

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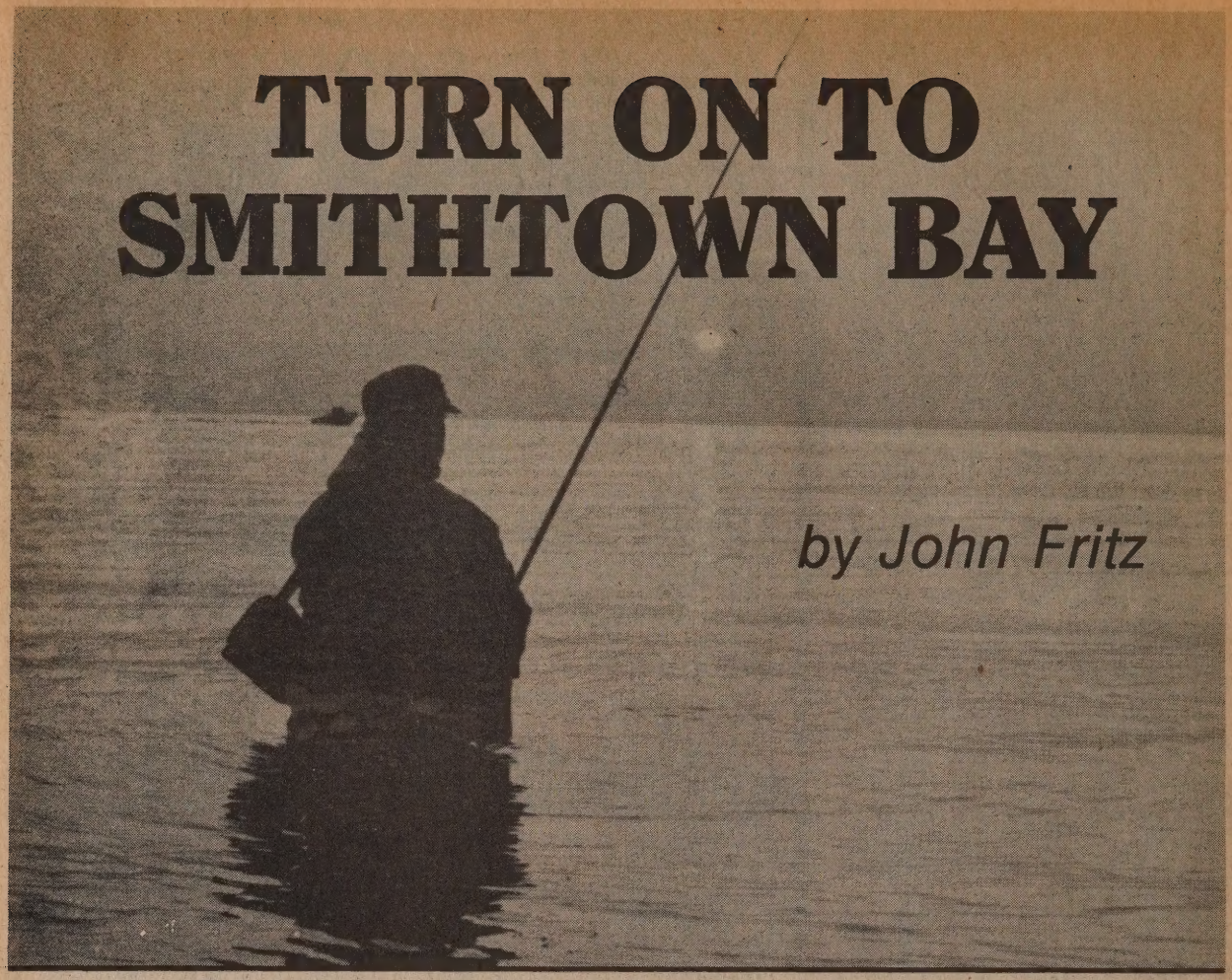

This long stretch of North Shore beach front provides Long Island surfmen with a placid backdrop to some fine action.

The north shore of Long Island, between Eaton's Neck and Crane's Neck comprises one of the most popular fishing locales in our area. This shore line, containing approximately 17 miles of diverse beaches, is interrupted by three rivers. Each of these rivers drains a marshland of considerable size, flushing vast quantities of nutrients and baitfish into the bay. Add a fourth outflow, the Lilco discharge at Northport, and one can see why Smithtown Bay is attractive to fish and fishermen alike.

Unfortunately for shorebound fishermen who are not residents of a local community, access to large portions of this shore line is restricted. The extreme ends of the bay are two of the best fishing areas on Long Island, but the residents of exclusive Eaton's and Crane's Necks prefer to keep their beaches untrammeled by surf fishermen's footprints. Drawing closer to the middle of the bay, residents of the Towns of Huntington and Smithtown can gain access to their local town beaches. While it is true that restrictions are eased somewhat during the off-season, access for non-residents to Crabmeadow, Makamah, Callahan's and Short Beach is questionable. An enterprising angler must rely on his own resourcefulness. Thankfully the center portion is a state park, open to all qualified fishermen who have obtained a free fishing permit. Let me point out that Sunken Meadow is open to everyone during the day, but night fishermen are required to obtain the Sport Fishing Permit from the Administration Offices of any state park allowing night fishing.

Tackle for these normally placid waters is dependent entirely on the weight of the lure to be cast. Distance casting is not usually necessary and if there is a heavy surf due to strong onshore winds, then fishing in this bay most often becomes fruitless. A major portion of this shore line is comprised of gently sloping beach which swiftly becomes roiled under the force of a brisk northerly blow. The early stages of a north or northwest wind can be beneficial, for they tend to push the fish close to the beach. This spark to better fishing is usually associated with fall fishing when a blast of chilling winds will trigger the appetite of most game fish as the annual migration approaches. For springtime fishing, little wind or winds from the southerly direction are preferred. Under the influence of onshore winds, the water becomes too murky to provide profitable fishing. Winds out of a northeast quarter are, in the opinion of most local anglers, the least desirable for they tend to dislodge great quantities of weed, making it difficult to work any lure effectively.

Picking up on the tackle requirements once again, let me point out that while only a small percentage of anglers fish bait during the spring, it is possible to take school bass and occasionally weakfish from such places as Crabmeadow, Makamah, Sunken Meadow or Stony Brook. This just about covers the entire area as they are the only places which I can speak of with certainty, but I would assume that all the other beaches would offer the same results. Sand worms are the principal bait, although ribbon or blood worms can be an adequate substitute.

Many prefer fishing with a pompano rig fitted with small corks to keep the short leaders from lying directly on the bottom. A fish finder rig is also effective, but don't make the mistake I made one chilly dawn at

Crabmeadow. The tide was about three hours gone, a time to either pack up or move to the outer edge of the Worm Bar. It was uncomfortable and the fishing had slowed, but we just wanted to hang in there to catch the first crack of approaching dawn. In the dim early light we noticed that the first awakening gulls seemed highly interested in some object directly to our front. At first our pulses quickened, thinking we would be witness to a school of bass chasing bait at the surface, but it soon became apparent that the birds were after our worms which were now floating on the surface—a combination of shallow water and a long leader.

Enough said about bait fishing, for this is the time and place to cast plugs. Since most, if not all the lures employed will be one ounce or less, eight or nine foot rods are the norm. A good choice of reels would be the Penn 710 or its cousin, the skirted spool Penn 550. Line weights need not exceed twelve pound test with eight or ten pound test line used by most casters participating in this type of fishing. Make sure that you are using good quality line and that it is new, for while most fish tend to be under 10 pounds, an occasional hefty striper will make an appearance.

Before we get into the coverage of possible lures, it might be better to point out which species of fish are available at this time. In that way those anglers already proficient in catching these species can include favorite lures with which I am either unaware of or will neglect to mention. First of all, we have school bass. Remember that this bay is well within the range of the Hudson River population so this species should provide excellent opportunities. Next in line are weakfish and bluefish, the latter often interfering with anglers seeking only bass or weakfish. While the weakfish are often of impressive sizes, frequently ranging into the teens, the bluefish are usually under five pounds. Rounding out the list of spirited game fish are the hordes of mackerel which sweep through the Sound at this time of the year. It is true that these tiny speedsters are not placed in the class of the exalted surf game fish, but on light tackle they give a stirring, no-quarter battle which pound for pound will put the other three species to shame. Remember also that mackerel chunks are a prime bait for those monster blues and cow bass yet to come.

Taking the last species first, the favorite lures for mackerel are small shiny tins. The half ounce Hopkins NoEql or Kastmaster, each without the bucktail dressing up the tail hook, are excellent tins for catching macks. Occasionally they will hit a small chrome popper or anything else that is shiny and retrieved at a rapid rate. This action is restricted to the daylight hours when the approaching schools are evident by the disturbance of the water's surface.

The other species, although daytime action is possible, are more often encountered when fishing the dawn or dusk periods, but most frequently during the hours of darkness. Because most fishing takes place after sunset, the smaller Rebel type swimming plugs are the first choice of successful anglers, although during the twilight hours the 3/4 or 1 oz. TriFin Eelworm or the 3/4 oz. Whiptail are favored by those anglers proficient in their use. The red Eelworm is probably the most efficient fish catcher, but the other colors have their moments also.

The list of productive plugs is extensive with certain plugs producing better on some nights than others. The 4½ inch Rebel sinker is a dynamite lure on most occasions, whereas a buddy of mine swears by RedFin's Yellow Coachman swimmer. Then there were nights when one had trouble taking a fish unless a loaded blue-backed Hellcat was used. A varied selection is obviously needed and some of the plugs which should be carried, in addition to those already mentioned are: 5½ inch Rebel sinkers, either silver and blue or in a mackerel finish; 4 and 5 inch jointed RedFins in silver; and yellow or silver Hellcats. Other possibilities include, but are not limited to, 7/8 oz. Spin Atom, the 5¼ inch Rapala and 5 inch Nils Master with the latter plug favored at flood tide when there is ample water to swim this deep running plug.

On some occasions the addition of a teaser can mean the difference between success or failure. Many times they are not necessary, but it couldn't hurt to have a few variations already rigged and stored in the compartment of the plug bag. The standard size white feather or a Red Gill teaser are the most popular, but I've had good success with a small yellow teaser.

While the four outlets into the bay would seem to be the prime attractions in this area, other locations, removed from these rivulets are often more productive. Asharoken, the Worm Bar at Crabmeadow, Makamah, Callahan's, Sunken Meadow's jetty, Short Beach and West Meadow Beach all have their moments of glory. In many of these places it is necessary to wade a considerable distance off the beach when the tide is nearing its lower stages. In a few areas this can be a tricky undertaking, especially in places like the bar at the mouth of the Nissequogue. Make note of the route taken when leaving the shore and be sure to leave sufficient time for the return trip on the incoming tide, particularly if there are any low areas to cross before reaching the safety of the shore.

Access to specific areas is a problem which I cannot address, but even if no other location can be found outside of the State Park at Sunken Meadow, it is well worth the effort. Once a love for Smithtown Bay has been formed, an individual's ingenuity could lead him to explore other areas of this magnificent bay.

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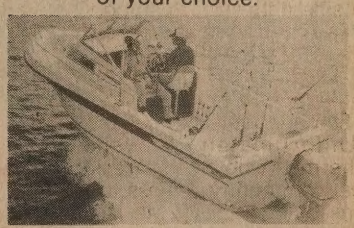

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MIDNIGHT MAGIC

by Ron Onorato

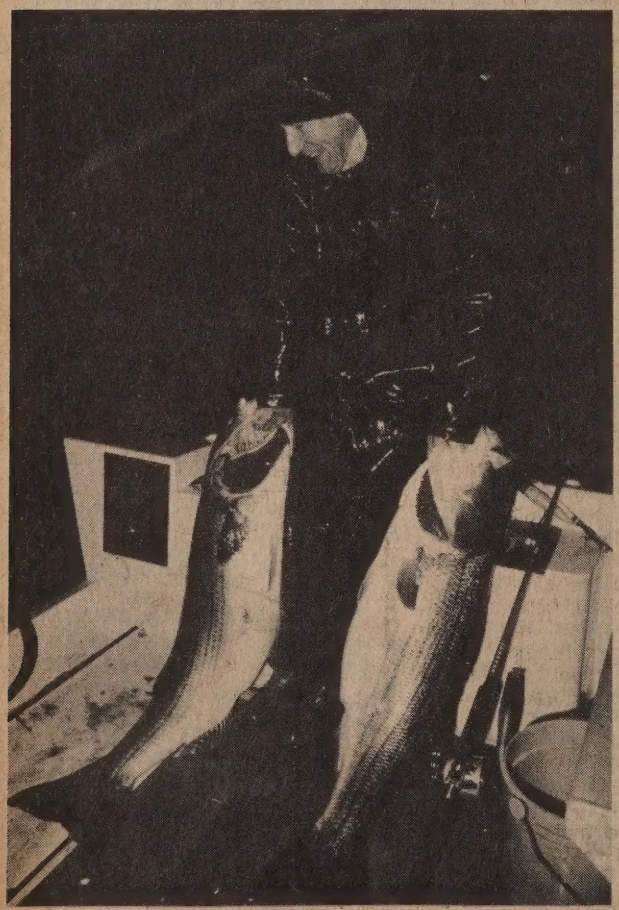
Catching big cow bass under the glow of a full moon can be a spellbinding experience.

It was quite an unforgettable experience, one that had been repeated time and time again, and yet it had not lost any of its beauty or appeal. The clock had been inching closer and closer to the midnight hour and we knew that now was the time to take off. I swung the boat east from the inlet jetties at Montauk and was greeted by the orange orb of the near full moon. The tide was in the last stages of the flood and there was just a trickle of incoming water left as we sped by the inner Shagwong can. The moon crept higher in the eastern sky and gradually the orange color began to turn into a yellowish-white, and we knew that soon it would be time. By the time we arrived at the Great Eastern buoy, the tide had already turned and was starting to trickle out.

The breeze was starting to freshen from the south, and with the ebb running at moon strength right into the wind, the rips would be standing tall. The moon was now bright white as Hugh Fitzpatrick and I dropped the swimming plugs back into Great Eastern rip. The rip was barely showing as I cut the engines to a slow crawl and made the first pass over the bump. Nothing happened as the plugs passed over the hill. The tide wasn't pulling hard enough to give the lures the right action.

Several other boats showed up and soon there was a picket line of plug trollers working the rip. By now the rip was standing up and the tide was starting to horse. I edged the boat to the east end of the rip and let the wire out again, and this time the plugs were working. The swimmers had just slid over the peak when a fish banged the plug, but no hook-up. I worked the rip laterally hoping that the fish might follow, but no such luck. Time to crank them in and do it again.

The rip was wild now as the breeze freshened and the tide churned harder, and as we put the plugs out, I felt that this pass would be it. The plugs were working hard in the rip and Hughie hooked up right away, and a second later it was my turn. The fish were as wild as the wind and the tide and wave after wave crashed against the boat as we dropped back into the white water to fight the fish. Things got much nicer once we crashed through the rip to finish fighting the fish. Both fish came up a few feet from the stern of the boat,



Trolling the big plugs produces some hefty stripers as evidenced by the brace of 50s being displayed by LIF staffer, Marty Garrell.

This big cow belted a mackerel finished swimmer during a moon tide.

and the moonlight glistened off their moist backs. No need to use a flashlight tonight and in a few seconds, a pair of 35 pound fish banged around the back of the boat. It was time to do it again and as we sped back up to the rip, we passed other boats fighting fish. And so the night went on, sliding the plugs into the rip, the smashing strike and wild fight of both the fish and sea. And as quickly as it had started, so it ended. The once bright moon was fading in the western sky and the violent tide was but a trickle once more. The fish, which only moments ago were smashing the lures, now also disappeared with the wind, tide, and the moon. It was time to relax and get things back in order, and also to reflect on the night's action.

For so many years, Montauk rested its reputation on its fine striped bass fishing both during the spring and fall migrations, and also for its very sustained summertime night fishing. During the periods of the full moon for the summer and fall months, there would be some very fine nighttime plug trolling for bass. In 1978, some of the Orient Point boys introduced the live eels to the nighttime fishing and did exceptionally well. However, despite all of the success of the live eel fishermen, Montauk still remains as one of the last premier spots for catching big fish on plugs. Although you will not make the big hits of the past, it is still very likely during any one of the full moon periods, to score with a few big cows on plugs.

More than any other type of bass fishing, plug trolling is perhaps one of the most exacting kinds of fishing. Usually with live bait fishing, once a person has picked up a few of the basics, he can be pretty successful at it. With plug trolling, there are so many variables and if any one of them is missing, you will not succeed, period! Even if you're doing everything right, there is no guarantee that you will succeed anyway. It is a combination of knowing exact shore ranges, tide stages, the boat you're fishing from and the tackle and plugs you're using. This does not come to the casual fisherman overnight, but rather over a protracted period of time.

Now on to the basics. The period during which most of the fishing will be done is called the full moon period. It usually covers the two nights prior to and two nights after the full moon itself. There is good fishing for bass during this period for a couple of reasons. Except during the periods of the fall and spring migrations, bass fishing is pretty much a nighttime or early morning affair. Since there is usually a problem with phosphorescence when the moon is dark, as the moon gets big, it drastically reduces the "fire" in the water. Secondly, during the period of the full moon, the tides are generally at their strongest for the month and the bass become very excited by the increased tidal flow and seem to feed more actively.

The use of the plug itself is really not the hardest part of the fishing, but proper presentation of it is. You simply do not open a plastic bag and take out a Danny swimming plug and begin to catch big bass. When you are structure fishing (which means fishing any of the big Montauk rips) the key here is to put the plug right in front of the face of a bass. In a horsing tide, the bass will want to mimimize the energy they expend and will hug the bottom as they feed. Obviously, this is where you want to troll a plug. Since most plug trolling in the rips is done with wire line, it is imperative that you keep the plug working as close to the bottom as possible. Only by trial and experimentation will you learn how much wire is needed for each particular location.

Another very important consideration to proper plug presentation is the right engine speed at which you'll be trolling. Each type of boat will respond differently to wind and tidal flow, so a particular speed may be fine for one boat, but will be no good for another. Again, it is a matter of experimenting until you get the right combination. As a rule, try to work the plugs a little on the quick side.

I have found that the Danny swimming plugs are about the best of the big swimming plugs to use. More recent to the scene has been the Super Strike plug and this plug has proven its worth, so it deserves come consideration. All gold and all white plugs seem to be the best overall colors with blue and rainbow color finishing up the rear. Another thing to remember, is that all plugs are not the same, even if they look alike. Some plugs might look fine in the package, but couldn't catch a fish if they were eating the bottom out of the boat. Then every so often a particular plug comes along, and the fish will eat it like there's no tomorrow. If you've soaked a plug for a couple of hours and feel that you've done everything else right and have had no takers, then it is time to move on to something else.

One of the biggest frustrations that you will encounter when plug trolling is the amount of lost fish you'll have. On your best night, if you land 60 percent of your hook-ups, you're doing real good. More often than not, you'll drop every other fish. It can be very disheartening, especially when some of the dropped fish are real smokers, but that is what is so exciting about plug trolling.

Usually the full moon periods in June and again in October are the best times to use the plugs. In July and August, the fish are more likely to respond to live eels rather than the plugs. Sometimes the November moon is hot, especially if it falls early in the month. The most productive place to fish is the Great Eastern area, although Pollack Rip is sometimes good, as is the rip right under the light. So if you're looking for big fish on plugs, look to the full moon at Montauk.

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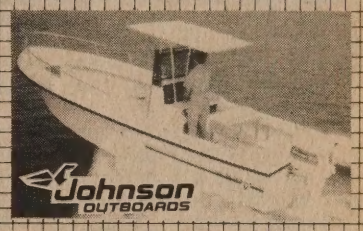

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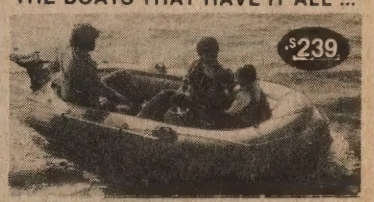

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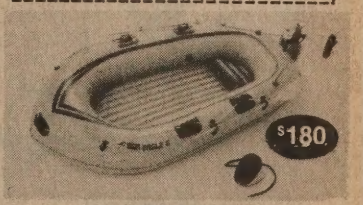

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FORT POND TREASURE

by Carl Buxbaum

If you want to consistently land good sized largemouth and smallmouth bass, travel east to Montauk's Fort Pond. I discovered the fishing there two years ago and made it my business to get back twelve times during 1982. Those trips produced only 24 keeper sized fish for me and about 10 more for my two sons who sometimes came along. But the catch included four smallmouths over three pounds, four largemouths between four and five pounds and three others over five pounds. My heaviest was a 5½ pounder. Of course, two bigger fish got away.

Fort Pond is located in the midst of the Village of Montauk. New York State maintains a fishing access site which can be found by turning north on South Embassy Street (at the AMOCO station) as you drive through town. Continue on to the unpaved road ahead, where the street seems to end, and a sign will direct you to the parking area and launching ramp. This is not a pristine wilderness holding the romance of a lone angler in communion with nature. Few fishermen will be found here but, during the summer, the Pond will be littered with small sailboats, windsurfers, and frantic vacationers unable to fight the Montauk winds in their rented paddleboats and rowboats. The business district is on the southern border, an industrial area on the northern one, and on the east and west banks private homes, motels and restaurants are planted in manicured lawns.

Don't be discouraged. What you want is not on the water or on the banks, but in the 192 acres of Fort Pond. Most types of watery terrain preferred by black bass can be found here. Extensive shallow flats fall off gradually in some places and very steeply in others to a maximum depth of 26 feet. There are grassy areas, coves filled with lily pads, and rocky points and banks as well as overhanging brush and trees. Most productive are the hard to find spots with submerged debris and weed beds. There is nearly always a wind driven chop on the water. It keeps the water murky near the windward shore. After a few days of heavy rain, the water may look like chocolate milk. Somehow the fish find the lures, and the action seems best in choppy, murky water.

You can travel light to fish this body of water. Some success can be had by casting from shore, particularly in the late afternoon, and wading, at that time of day, will almost certainly hook you up with some respectable fish. Best of all is fishing from a small johnboat or canoe. I paddle a 14 foot fiberglass canoe and have had at least one good fish each time out. The wind is strong, however, making an anchor required equipment and an electric trolling motor highly appreciated. Gasoline powered motors are not permitted on Fort Pond and would be unnecessary in any event.

There is no need to fill the boat with heavy tackle and a huge tackle box. Nearly all your fish will be taken on plastic worms and on spinnerbaits. Both skirted and grub tailed spinners have worked well for me on different occasions. Two of the smallmouths over three pounds and a five pound largemouth fell victim to a quarter ounce grub-tailed spinnerbait. All other big fish mentioned were taken on plastic worms rigged Texas style with either 1/8 or 1/16 ounce bullet weights. The heaviest of these fish

A collection of artificials which have proven themselves on the Pond's 192 acres.

took eight inch worms. The others took the six inch version. Blue or motor oil colored worms were best under clear skies and purple or black when overcast. Both varieties of bass from shorts to four pounds chose the six inch worms in these colors. The smaller fish seem to respond equally well to any size, variety, or color of spinnerbait. There is some advantage in holding to the old bit of advice suggesting light colors on clear days and dark colors for overcast days when selecting these lures.

I enjoy fishing with crankbaits and other plugs but learned to use them only in desperation on Fort Pond. Plugs seem to bring vicious strikes from short smallmouths and stunted white perch. Unless you want to spend a lot of time carefully releasing these little ones, avoid plugs. Take a few along, however, for those unusual days. Early last June one of my sons and I were working the lily pads all around the shore. The water was high and murky due to unusually heavy spring rains, and the pads were below the surface. We had taken a few shorts and a couple of 13 inch largemouths on lime and on yellow spinnerbaits from a single clump of pads, but nothing elsewhere. After casting to what seemed like every lily on the pond, we decided to paddle back to the one clump that had produced earlier. When we arrived, two men in a johnboat were beating the pads with white tandem spinnerbaits to no avail. They explained their frenetic behavior by saying that a huge fish had come crashing through the pads chasing one of their lures, but missed. When they left in despair, we let the canoe glide into comfortable casting range and waited a few moments for quiet to return. Thinking it best to offer the fish a new menu, we tied on plugs. I cast a "Big O" into a hole in the midst of the pads and retrieved very slowly so that it would stay on the surface and not snag in the vegetation. As it reached open water, I went to a fast retrieve making the plug dive. It went down and appeared to snag. I was cursing and shaking the rod violently to free the plug when the line started moving slowly to my left. In an instant, the biggest largemouth I had ever seen outside of a magazine rolled on the surface, dove under the canoe, and jumped on the other side breaking my line. Losing a fish like that, and a brand new plug, because of my slow reflexes told me to pack it in for the day.

I now have a formula for lure selection on Fort Pond. Start with eight inch worms. If they fail to produce, try the six inch ones. Next try a variety of spinnerbaits. If that fails too, it is time for plugs. A very important point to remember is that the bass seem to bunch up in this body of water. In fact, both varieties of black bass are found together in submerged debris. Therefore, when you find a spot that produces fish on any particular day

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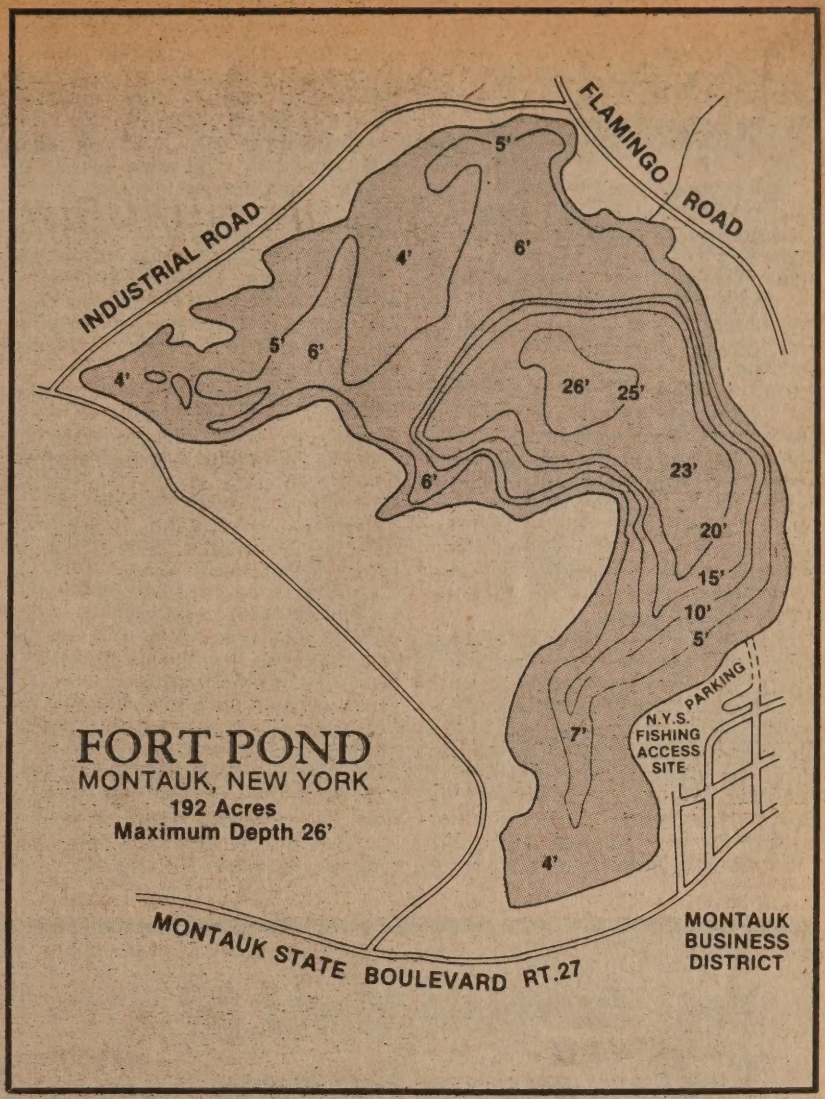

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) should be commended for the attention it has recently given our local warm water species. If DEC keeps up the good work and gets the assistance of Long Island's fishermen, excellent future fishing seems assured. Management plans are underway for Lake Ronkonkoma, Forge Pond and Fort Pond. A survey has been done on Fresh Pond, and preliminary management plans are being considered to keep the fishing quality high without harming the pond's pristine state. One possible outcome of the survey may be the supplementation of poor year classes with a bass stocking program. At present, the yellow perch require no assistance.

DEC management plans on Long Island already include the stocking of tiger muskellunge in Hempstead Lake and Lake Ronkonkoma as well as hybrid striped bass in Fort Pond. Volunteers are needed to keep diaries of their fishing experiences on Lake Ronkonkoma, Forge Pond and Fort Pond. The diaries will provide information vital to good fisheries management. Your diary and a measuring board will be provided by DEC, and diary cooperators will receive a patch and decal at the end of the season. If you would like to help in maintaining these freshwater fisheries, contact Charles A. Guthrie, N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation, S.U.N.Y., Building 40, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794.

and the action stops, do not move until you have tried other lures. I have repeatedly brought the action back by changing the offering or presentation. Never assume the fish moved or went off their feed until you try a variety of lures.

The tackle required to handle these fish and to deliver and work the recommended baits is largely a matter of individual preference. A balanced medium spinning outfit with six pound test line seems fine (if the reel has a smooth drag set lightly). The light line produces more strikes, and the rod is more sporting than those heavy casting outfits intended for hauling 10 pound bass out of heavy cover. Such conditions will not be encountered on Fort Pond. Some fishermen might choose medium-heavy outfits because they make it easier to work large spinnerbaits at high speeds or to get a diving crankbait down deep. I pass up that convenience for the fun of fighting the fish on lighter tackle.

Now that you know something about Fort Pond, the proven baits and equipment—how should it be fished? The lily pads seem to produce largemouth bass mostly under three pounds. These fish are most likely to be at the edges of the beds during June and early July when the water is high and very murky. Once the water level drops with summer dry spells and it clears with extended periods of fair weather, it is hard to find keeper sized fish in the pads. Spinnerbaits worked fast from opening day through the second week in July, however, will produce lots of fish. At this time, six inch worms seem to attract fewer but larger fish. The worm should be worked along the bottom very slowly with no action imparted by the angler. I had a three pound largemouth hook itself on a worm that was motionless on the bottom. The rod was resting against the thwart of the canoe while I lit a cigarette. When the rod started to slip, I lunged for it finding the bass solidly hooked.

The points and coves are worth a try, but do not waste time in those places. They seem to be dominated by short smallmouths and white perch which respond to plugs and Mepp's type spinners. Your best bet for big largemouth or smallmouth bass will be bottom debris and rocks in eight to fifteen feet of water.

Lacking a graph recorder, the only way to find such structure is by prospecting the bottom with a plastic worm. Prospecting is time consuming but once you find "a spot," it will produce fish on nearly every trip. By prospecting, I simply mean carefully reading the shore line for signs of rocks and debris to find a probable location and then slowly dragging a plastic worm across the bottom so that you feel every inch of the way telegraphed through the rod to your hand. If you use six pound line and a medium weight graphite rod, a 1/8 oz. weight will be enough to deliver the signals. Heavier line and a less sensitive rod will require you to try heavier weights to get the feel of the bottom. Once the worm seems to be getting a very bumpy ride, climbing up an obstruction, falling, and bouncing, you have found debris. Repeat the same cast, if you did not get a fish the first time. Look for landmarks so that you will be able to find the same spot again. Once I have zeroed in on such structure, I switch to 1/16 ounce weights. They provide fewer bottom signals, but give the slowly moving worms more tantalizing action and are less likely to get snagged. It is also easier to feel the pickup of a fish. Now, I am counting on readers looking out at the pond saying that I must be nuts. It looks like an awful lot of water to go "prospecting" on. You could grow quite old before you find more than a dozen or so large areas of bottom structure. The fact is that if you don't prospect, you will not find my favorite spot. If you should fall upon it, however, your prospecting days are over. You will not be able to pull yourself away from it. Naturally, I hope you find another spot. You need not find a dozen. One or two will do just fine. You see, my favorite spot produced all but one of the largemouths over four pounds and two of the smallmouths over three.

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Fishermen and books on fishing are filled with advice about best fishing conditions and times. Some say the best time to fish is whenever you can. I have learned from experience, however, some particular tips about Fort Pond. First, do not bother fishing in the mornings. You will put in many hours for a couple of small fish. Instead, put in three or four hours between 3PM and 8PM. More and bigger fish will be landed. If added to the time factor, choppy, slightly murky water and steady weather for a few days are among the prevailing conditions, you are nearly guaranteed decent sized fish. If the sky is overcast, try the lily pads. Otherwise, stay with working bottom structure which produces even on hot sunny days.

You now have a prescription that will provide a fine chance of successful bass fishing, so please be careful to respect the fish population of Fort Pond. Practice catch and release so that we can enjoy this fishing in the future. Of course, you may want to keep a couple of fish for the table and will want to keep a trophy, if you get one; but please release all others. In January, 1982 the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a survey and management report on Fort Pond indicating that the blass bass population could easily be threatened by increased fishing pressure. Part of the problem seems to be the very large number of stunted white perch, yellow perch, and bluegills which compete with bass for food, but are too large to serve as forage for the bass.

On the bright side for fishermen, last spring the DEC decided to introduce a supplemental predator to control the excess small panfish. The new predator is the hybrid striped bass—a cross between striped bass and white bass—which grows rapidly and feeds aggressively. They should be keeper size, 14 inches, by the Fall of 1983. These fish are sure to please anglers and are likely to grow to about 10 pounds. This stocking program is primarily intended to protect the black bass population, and just as the hybrids become keeper size next September, the black bass minimum on Fort Pond will be raised from 12 to 15 inches. Striped bass hybrids are not capable of reproduction. Therefore, if the program inadvertently does harm to the pond's balance, the damage will be limited to the life span of this single group of hybrids. Upon further evaluation it may also become possible to build a hybrid striper fishery on a "put and take" basis.

For further information on the future of Fort Pond fishing, and if you would like to cooperate in maintaining the quality of that fishing, contact Charles A. Guthrie, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, SUNY, Bldg. 40, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794.

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READY FOR SHARKING

by Al Ristori

Shark fishing has become a favorite summer pastime for Long Island anglers looking to test their skills on bigger game

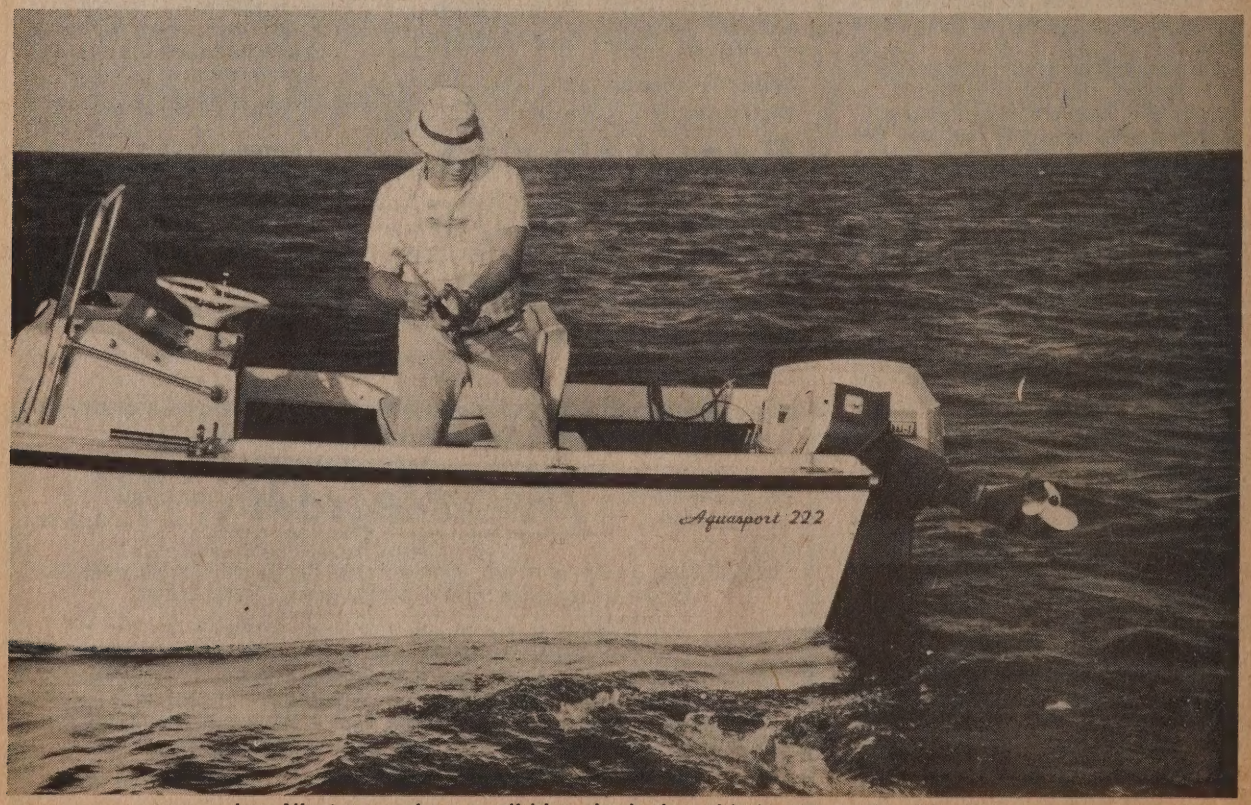
In their classic "American Food and Game Fishes," the great turn-of-the-century biologists David Starr Jordan and Barton Evermann filled up 571 pages with descriptions of even the rarest species found in American waters at the time of publication in 1902. Yet, all sharks were dismissed with this single sentence in the introduction: "The sharks are not true fishes, for they have no membrane-bones or gill covers, and the upper jaw is simply the front of the palate, no upper jawbones being developed." To emphasize their feelings about sharks, the authors didn't even include a listing in the index.

To say the least, we've come a long way in some eight decades when it comes to understanding sharks and appreciating their place in nature's order. Sharks are, of course, true fishes—even if very primitive ones. Some are fine game fish, and most are at least worthy opponents on rod and reel. It's also likely that all are edible, and some are excellent food fish by any standard. Yet, as strange as the attitude of Jordan and Evermann may seem at this point in time, the "bad old days" are not far behind us.

When I started shark fishing two decades ago, the "sport" consisted primarily of killing as many "man-eaters" as possible. Not only were all captured sharks killed, but even free-swimmers that passed up baits were gaffed and mutilated. It didn't make much sense to me then, but most of those I fished with were convinced that the oceans would be better off without these creatures. Considering the fact that these anglers really enjoyed catching sharks, that attitude now seems strange. They really thought that there was an endless supply of "killers," and that feeling wasn't shaken until Jack Casey started popularizing the facts about these unique creatures.

Rather than being prolific and fast-growing (as most people had imagined), sharks take a long time to mature and can easily be fished out of an area. In one instance after another, commercial shark fisheries have literally fished themselves out of business. An excellent example of how sharks can be reduced has been provided by the Natal Anti-Shark Measures Board in South Africa. Under the direction of Mrs. Beulah Davis, this agency has employed large mesh nets to protect the beaches for swimming. In the Durban area alone there were an estimated 26 shark attacks on swimmers from 1943 to 1951. Since the netting program was started about 20 years ago there have been only three attacks on the entire Natal coast where the netting is set up to protect bathing beaches. Two of those attacks occurred when bathing was prohibited because the nets had been out for days due to bad weather. The other involved a body surfer right at the net line. Yet the elimination of the shark "menace" has had other effects on the ecology that weren't expected.

Though the number of sharks caught in the nets these days come to only about 1,000 per year, there has been a large increase in the number of



Jess Nicotera works a small blue shark alongside in preparation for release.

small dusky sharks found in the area. Prominent fishery biologist Rudy Van Der Elst, of Durban's Oceanographic Research Institute, feels this is due to lack of predation by large sharks on the small ones which can get through the ten inch diamond mesh. Furthermore, the small duskys are feeding heavily on the important small game fish of the area—particularly bluefish. The choppers became so scarce that the commercial fishery was banned, a closed spawning season instituted, and anglers limited to two per day. Since then they've come back a bit and the daily limit is up to four per man.

It's taken us a long time to realize it, but we should now all understand that our shark resources should be protected just as all others are. A limited degree of exploitation is fine, but wholesale slaughter for no good reason cannot be accepted. The quantities of sharks available today are nothing like they were 20 years ago, and yet we still enjoy generally fine shark fishing. If we want to keep it that way we'll not only have to do our own part in releasing sharks, but also encourage others to do so. Dragging blue sharks back to the dock only to drag them right back out the next day should be a practice frowned upon to such an extent that no skipper with a reputation to uphold will dare do it. Bringing in sharks for food or trophy is fine, but we literally can't afford to kill thousands in order to take pictures at the dock which could be as well taken of the release at sea!

Why do I get so uptight about sharks? Quite frankly, I feel they are a great resource—the one big fish readily available to the average angler. No special equipment or great skill is required, and many of our finest big game fishermen have cut their teeth on these relatively abundant gamesters before going on to more desirable species. The "poor man's big game fish" comes fairly close to shore and can be caught from small boats as well as fancy cruisers. They don't require that the angler be very skilled in either technique or rigging, and the success ratio is very high in comparison to other forms of offshore fishing. All of that, I think, is well worth preserving!

The real beauty of shark fishing is its simplicity. Though better skippers consistently catch more, even the beginner isn't at a real disadvantage. The areas in which shark concentrations are located can usually be determined by merely inquiring at the tackle shops or marinas that specialize in offshore fishing. The bunker chum needed to attract sharks to the boat is available almost everywhere, and bait can be almost anything. When fishing on my Mako 21, I rarely use anything other than bunker or mackerel fillets. I prefer two fillets, back-to-back, and have enjoyed good success with them. Not only are they easy to rig, but the hooking ratio is very high. And if any large shark has

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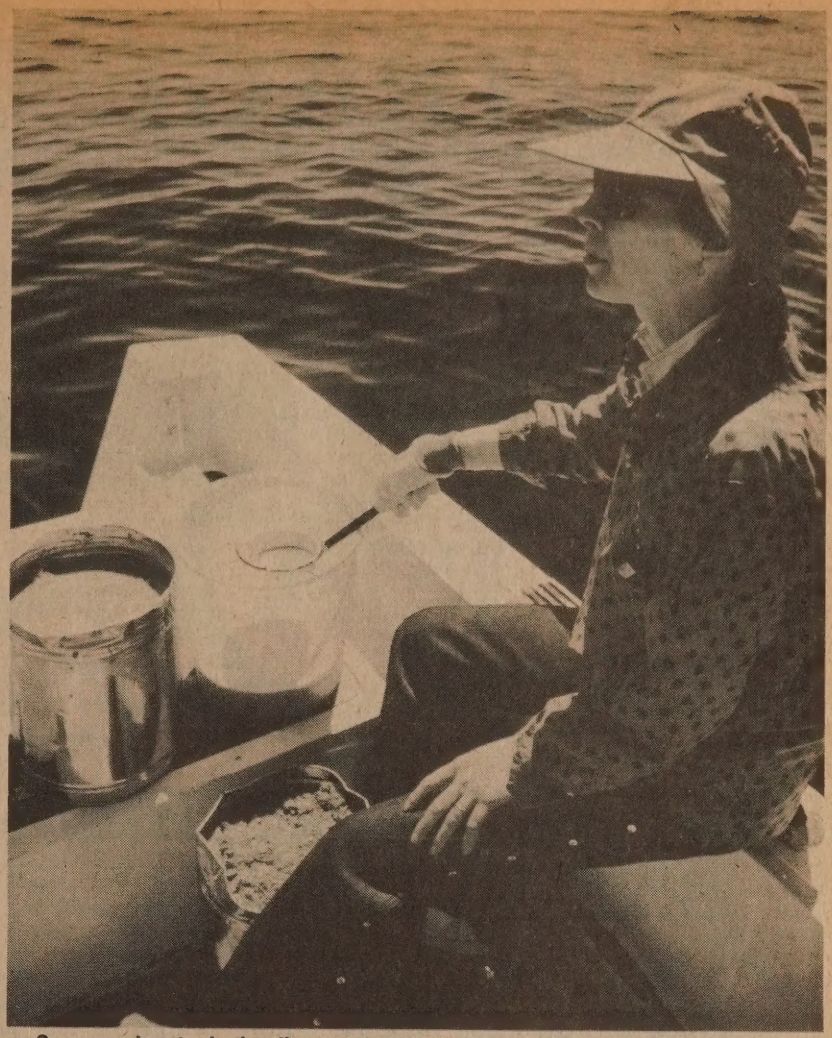
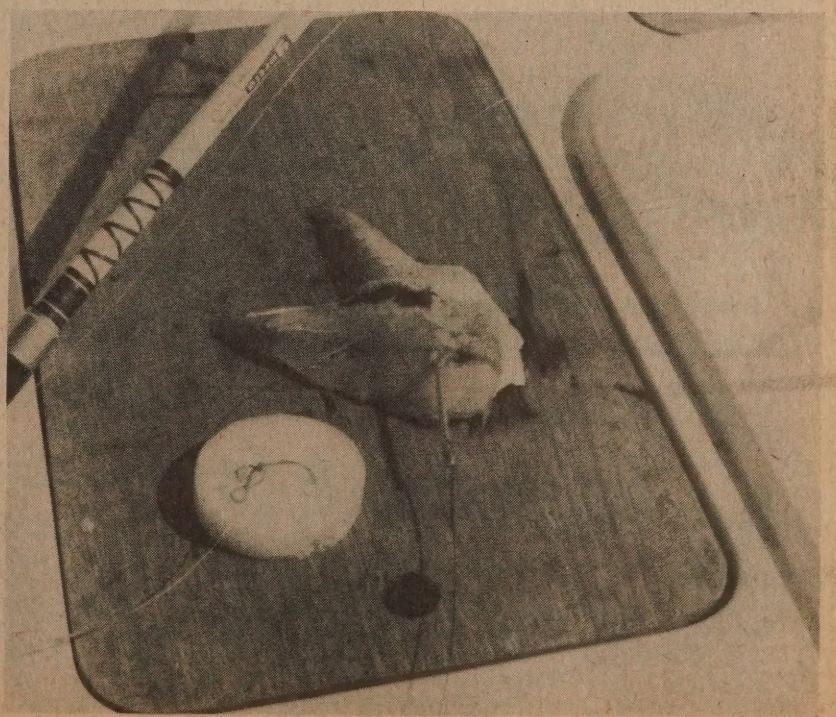


Someone has to do the dirty work. Here, it's Kris Lee's turn on the chum ladle.



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The experts will insist on rigging whole baits very carefully, and it may well be true that a shark will pick up that manicured bait in preference to my fillets. However, on my boat they don't get any choice—and I don't think I miss any as a result.

Tackle, too, can be very simple. Virtually any shark you're like to encounter in our waters can be handled on 50 pound. A 6/0 reel with a matching rod should be your "heavy" tackle. A tournament angler may use 80s in order to get as many sharks to the boat in as short a time as possible, but for ordinary sport fishing there's no need to go for real big game tackle. As a matter of fact, the 50s are often too much. It's nice to have them should you tie into a big dusky or tiger, species which don't fight well (particularly the tigers), but can wear you out by sulking in the depths when the tackle isn't heavy enough to lift them with. On the other hand, surface sharks such as makos and blues can be handled on light tackle as long as you're prepared to run after them.

One of the big advantages about sharking in our waters is the relatively shallow water. This makes it quite possible to catch very big sharks on even small capacity reels. The fish can't run you off by going down, and there's no problem involved in following when the boat is drifting to begin with. Therefore, 30 pound tackle is ideal and 20s aren't unreasonable. Even lighter tackle can be kept at hand to play with small blue and mako sharks which show at boatside and can be baited individually.

The size of your boat is no deterrent as long as it's seaworthy and you pick your weather. When I started sharking out of a Mako 19 in the late 1960s I used to hear charter skippers talking about that "crazy guy" who was bound to get into trouble. Now I have plenty of company in the small boat fleet offshore, and there doesn't seem to be any great increase in fishing accidents as a result.

As relatively simple as sharking is, it's still a good idea to get started by going along with knowledgeable friends or chartering. Whether you do it yourself or go along with others, be sure to practice conservation by tagging and releasing any sharks not desired for food. Serious sharkers can obtain free tags by writing to Jack Casey at the NMFS Cooperative Shark Tagging Program, Northeast Fisheries Center, Narragansett, RI 02882. This progam had led to a tremendous increase in our knowledge about sharks, and it's primarily dependent upon rod and reel fishermen. In 1982, 44 percent of the 4,553 sharks tagged were by anglers—and 41 precent of the 139 recoveries were also by sportsmen. Furthermore, some 52 percent of those recovered sharks had originally been tagged by American sport fishermen. Do your part and ensure that we'll have good sharking well into the future!

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WEAKFISH AT THE HOOK

by Russ Wilson

The Nordic Eel...latest in a long line of weakfish lures.

Tiger Tails, bananas, banana splits and now the Nordic Eel. Sometimes it's hard to figure out whether you are fishing or on an African Safari or taking a trip to Norway. For many years, weakfish were the bait fisherman's game and only the occasional weakie was caught by a striper fisherman on a rigged eel or plug. Today, the situation is reversed. Big tiderunners, some weighing in excess of twelve pounds, are hitting Nordic Eels, Tiger Tails, plastic worms, bucktails and diamond jigs as if there is no tomorrow. For some of those big weakies there is no tomorrow as evidenced by the number of weakfish that have been caught within the confines of Sandy Hook/Raritan Bay.

The Nordic Eel was designed by Don Bingler of Brooklyn, and it catches fish. Sandy Hook Bay is loaded with sand eels and sand worms. The Nordic resembles both and can be fished in several different fashions. It is a killer!

One evening last fall I joined two other hopefuls at the Municipal ramp in Atlantic Highlands. We launched the outboard with no problem and were speeding across the bay toward the Chapel Hill Channel in a matter of minutes. The name of the game when seeking Sandy Hook weakfish is getting there first and keeping quiet about what you are catching.

This night was different. At least 200 other weakfish seekers were already drifting over the hotspot and we could see they were doing a big job. Everywhere there were rods bent or nets being stabbed at a fighting weakfish. It looked as if we had found Fisherman's Heaven and with shaking hands we tried to tie on the Tiger Tails we had previously packed.

All around us anglers were hooking big weakies and our lures were being ignored. After a half hour without so much as a sniff we started to go through the ritual of changing lures, varying retrieves and doing everything possible to get one of those big tiderunners to grab the lure. Nothing helped; we still practiced casting while neighboring boats caught fish. It was maddening to say the least and frustrating to the extent I was ready to snag someone's line to see what they were using.

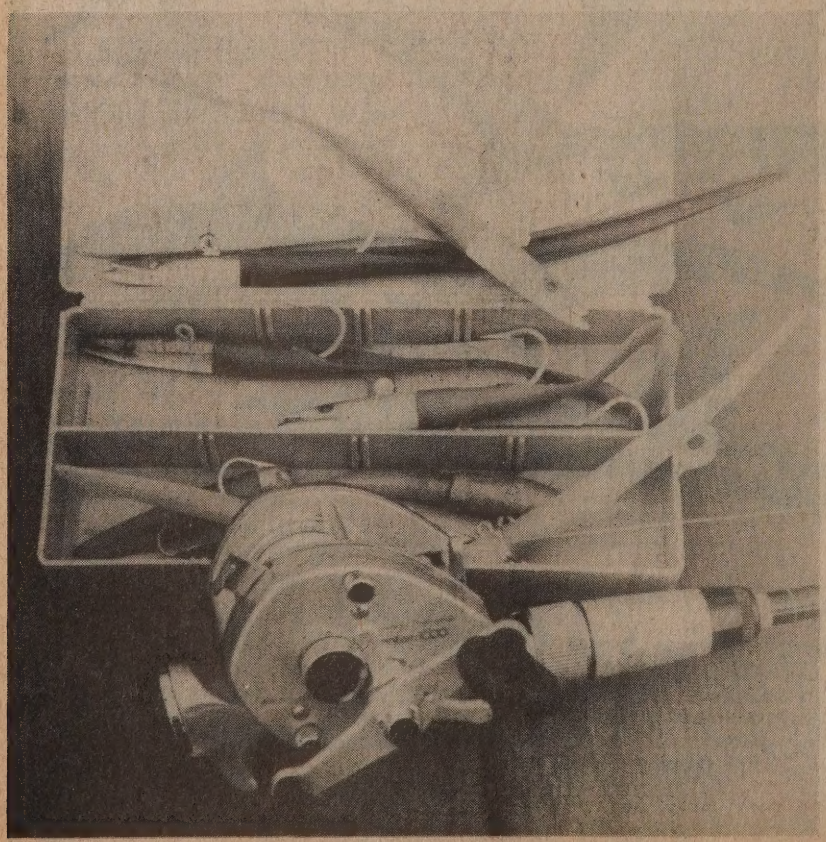
That's when we discovered the Nordic and its fish-catching ability. Why that hunk of lead and surgical tube holds mystical powers over those Sandy Hook weakfish continues to baffle this reporter, but the fact remains that it does and anyone who fishes the bay and does not carry a few of these lures is missing out on some superb sport.

The Tiger Tails also catch weakfish real good as do the various other bucktails, sand worm rigs and diamond jigs. But, the Nordic Eels seemed to produce best last year. Some of the Sheepshead Bay fishermen are literally loading their Makos while using some version of the Nordic. Oh yes, there are now several different manufacturers marketing a Nordic of their own design. From what we've seen, all are good.

So, after spending a very unrewarding evening watching others catch fish, I hurried over to Doug Rusch's Sportsmen's Outfitter in Westfield to see just what made the Nordic so attractive to those Sandy Hook weakies. He was out of them, didn't have one in the store and did not expect to get any more. I was ready to explode. Who ever heard of a killer lure not being available?

I did, finally, get a few Nordics. There is no doubt this is a lure that is going to survive. It can be worked like a bucktail, with short pumps of the rod or it can be used to cast to fish that are feeding on the surface. I've caught fish with it when using it in this fashion. But, where the Nordic really shines is as a slowly worked crank style bait. Just let it sink to bottom and s-l-o-w-l-y turn the handle on your reel. The slower you work this lure the better you work this lure the better your chances of catching weakfish.

Most of the Sandy Hook regulars are using some kind of Nordic and all seem to prefer the slow crank style of retrieve for weaks and a faster pace when attempting to catch blues or stripers.



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East End REPORT

with Bob Lee

Well, we finally got decent weather and the fishing picked up considerably. Montauk had a run of pollack to 40 lbs. and better. The flounder are still hitting very close to the point. Sharks made the scene also. From Shinnecock to Montauk offshore skippers say it's really busted loose. Blue sharks are more abundant, but quite a few makos were caught also. The bays and inlets a little to the west of Montauk are loaded with blues, fluke, porgies, blackfish and weakfish.

MONTAUK

Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the **Viking Fleet** reports codfishing continues to be excellent at Coxes Ledge. The half day fares are doing a good job on flounder also.

Captain Joe McBride, skipper of the charter boat **My Mate** reports he had the first mako of the season on Saturday. The charter party headed by Don Buck of Croton, NY landed a 237 pounder. One other mako was in the slick but showed no interest. Mr. Buck won his trip in the free drawing at the N.Y. Boat Show. Captain McBride expects the M.C.A. Shark tournament to be a mako party.

The **Gone Fishing Marina** called to say the flounder are still active at Washington Shoals and the North Bar. Fluke have started to show in the North Rip. Lots of mackerel are at the sub buoy. Porgies should start showing in full force any day now. The charter boat **Alyssa Ann** had a half day charter with Valeri and Sal Conte aboard. They came back to the docks with 35 flounder up to 3 lbs. Due to strong new moon tides the best fishing was at the change of the tide.

Jerry Kamanga and friends show some of the 30 pollock in the 25-40 lb. range that they caught at Block Island. Fishing was done aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Adios."

LIF subscriber Billy Foley, age 13, hefts his first cod. It was taken aboard the "Viking Starship" during a recent Georges Bank trip.

Captain Frank Mundus, skipper of the **Cricket II** reports plenty of blue sharks offshore at 40 fathoms. George Kubola and party of NYC caught 14 blue sharks on an overnight trip this weekend. A few of these sharks were in the 110 to 120 lb. range.

Captain Fritz Hubner, skipper of the **Mistress Too** reports excellent pollack and flounder action Sunday and Monday. The pollack fishing was red hot on Monday with a few of these fish tipping the scales at 40 lbs. Giant tuna were seen with the pollack. All the action took place off of Block Island. Captain Hubner said the shark fishing opened up this weekend.

Captain Phil Lewis, skipper of the charter boat **Adios** reports this weekend the bluefish moved into the Block Island area. Good news, too, is that shark fishing has started earlier and was excellent on both Saturday and Sunday. A few private boats caught some mako and plenty of action on blue shark. Because of this good offshore action the **Adios** will be booking offshore charters as of now. Captain Lewis is also planning Canyon charters. See LIF ad for details.

Captain Fred of **Shinnecock Canal** based charter boat **Sea Mist** reports that blue shark moved in this weekend. One boat had 8 big blue shark along with big bluefish. Plenty of

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Captain Bud Dorman of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** reports porgy fishing picking up by the day. No big numbers yet, but sea bass, blackfish and abundant flounder add to a mixe bag.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** reports the offshore action has begun. The first sharks of the season were caught over the week-end. Mostly blue shark, but there were a few mako mixed in. Flounder fishing remains excellent everywhere from Shagwong to the Point.

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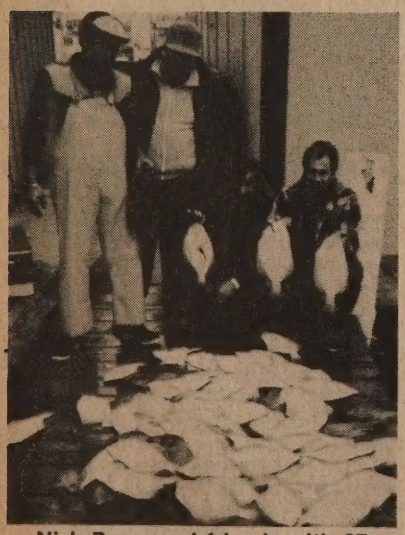
Captain Artie Lach, skipper of the **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric** reports the night fishing is still great on weaks and bluefish. Wednesday and Friday nights were best, with over 300 blues and weakfish taken. Porgy fishing is up and down. It was considerably slower this past week-end due to the boat traffic. Thursday was the best day so far with 100 weaks, 100 blues and 400 porgies. Flounder fishing is excellent off New London, Ct. Average catch is 30 to 40 flounder a man, with lots of blackfish mixed in. The boat **will not** sail Saturday, June 18th, daytime or night. The **Wilhelric** is participating in the Sag Harbor Whaling Festival.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** reports real good porgy action at buoy 11 outside the Sag Harbor breakwater. These porgies are a nice size for the most part. There are quite a few small weakfish in Noyac Bay. The larger weaks can be found at the west end of the Ferry, Jessups and Middle Grounds. Lots of small blues all over being trolled on umbrella rigs. Bernie Parks and friend of Paterson, NJ



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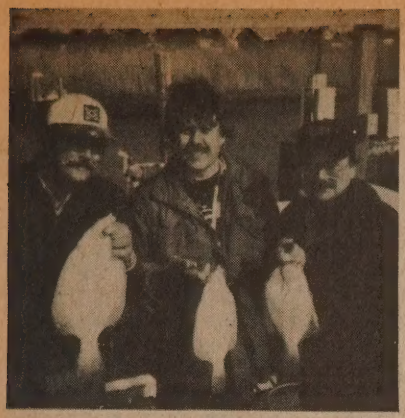
caught 125 porgies at buoy 11 on Saturday.

Helen at the **Noyac Marina** in Noyac reports lots of porgies at Noyac Bay. Mixed in with these fish are blues and school size weaks. Fluke up to 8 lbs. are being caught at buoys 17 and 18.

Thom Speck of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in **Southampton** reports good fishing just about everywhere. The Peconics have porgies, the fluke are being taken near the inlet and the mouth of the canal. Bluefish are all over the bay and outside the inlet. Sea bass and blackfish are being caught also.

In **Hampton Bays** Charlie at **Corr's Fishing Marina** reports excellent fluke action over the weekend. These fluke hit at the east and west channels. Flounder are still around also. David, Joseph and Joe Calafiore of Clifton, NJ hit into some great bluefishing south of the canal. These anglers had 183 bluefish and 22 fluke up to 4 lbs. The porgies are still running good at Peconics.

In **Hampton Bays** Lanny of **Molnar's Landing Marina** reports the first offshore shark fishing trips were made out of **Molnar's Landing** this weekend. Blue shark were the main catch. Dan Harris and crew aboard the Pole Pit captured and released four blue shark southwest of Shinnecock Inlet in 180 ft. of water. A few big blues were in the slick and cut the bait. Bob and Greta Peterson fished a little closer in 150 ft. of water and caught one blue shark and were plagued with dogfish. Lanny said the



John Raynor, Bob Zoltowski, and Zeke Bunza with a few of the 40 big flounder they caught back in May in Shinnecock Bay. Photo courtesy of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

water is still cold, reading 54° 30 miles off, however, it was worthwhile to shake the boats and tackle down. Fluking remains good at the east channel. Shiners and sand eels with strips of squid are best in the bait department. Cocktail blues are being umbrellaed all over the bay and outside the inlet in droves. Pete Zoltowski and crew aboard the Bahama Baby II did well on flounder at buoy 21. Clam chum and worms turned the trick on these fish.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Editor's Note: L.I.F. staffer Matt Ahern, long a favorite with Fisherman readers, could use a note of cheer from his fans. Matt was hospitalized with an ulcer attack late last week and is being held over in Southampton Hospital for observation. Best bet would be to drop him a line at his home. His address is: 39 King Street, Hampton Bays, NY 11946.

In Moriches bay, flounder maintained a firm grip on the limelight despite improved fluking in the area. Many excellent flounder scores were made in several parts of the bay and the action showed little sign of letting up.

Most of the attention in Great South Bay is being directed at fluke although weakfishing enjoyed a minor resurgence the latter part of last week. Lots of bluefish seem to be settling in offshore and outside of both inlets and plenty of 2-4 pounders are roaming the bay. There is an occasional big bass around for those willing to put in plenty of time livelining while offshore fans got their

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Joe Lorresti, George Bubaris and Ali Gyimesi tallied 85 flounder during a recent trip out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport. Fishing was done near buoys 41 and 42 in Moriches Bay.

Gene and Ceil Greenstein with 70 flatties to 2 lbs. taken in Moriches Bay. The couple did their fishing out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

first real taste of sharking this past week.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Excellent flounder fishing continued at buoys 36, 39 and at Haven's Point according to Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Fishing out of Skidmore's on Thursday were Hank Schlanger and Bill Carlson. The pair put away 127 flatties while fishing at buoy 36 with bloodworms, dyed clams and clam chum. On Saturday, Bob Blaney and Heather Corey journeyed from Annapolis, MD to sample the Moriche Bay flatfishing. They returned laden-ed down with 119 flatties to 2.8 pounds. On Sunday, Henry Lee Archer and Jim Dodson corralled 89 flounder. Both groups did their fishing NE of buoy 39 in the Cut between the bars. Jim added that fluking is on the upswing with some boats returning from the station with 12 to 15 keepers. Best bet is on incoming water at the Elbow or buoys 36-38. Small blues at buoys 42 and 43 in the early AM on small tins.

Over at **L & M Marine**, Jim Green said that flounder action remains in fine shape off of Haven's Point while the average catch per boat was in the 20-30 fish range. Some boats did much better–chumming is important. Of the fluking, Jim told of Barry Goudoras and Mary Kratzar who kept 8 fluke to 3½ pounds out of the 20 they took using bucktails and squid at the Elbow on Sunday.

The charter boat **Tender Loving Care**, skippered by Capt. Tony Rizzo fished a group of Huntington anglers headed by Jeff Stack on Saturday. Working SE of the Inlet along the 40 fathom curve the group put away 10

blue sharks up to 175 pounds.

John Iuliano of Islip fished south of buoy 34 on Thursday after renting a skiff from **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. According to Gary Grunseich of the station, John nailed 82 flatties up to 2 pounds. On Saturday, Jeff and Max White returned with 108 fish from the area south of buoy 39. They used bloodworms and mussel and clam chum. Flounder scores over the weekend ranged anywhere from 30 to 100 fish per boat. Gary called the fluking decent although quite a few shorts are being taken. A few boats managed 10-15 keepers between buoys 39 and the Elbow. Most customers are still occupied with flounder. Gary added that lots of 1-3 pound blues are still roaming the bay and Inlet area.

Capt. Chip of the open boat **Capt. Leo D** also passed along word of excellent flounder action. He's been working anywhere from buoys 27 to 32 with the best scores being made on incoming water. Due to customer demand, the skipper will begin mixing up fluke and flounder this week. See his ad for details.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

George Ruland of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** noted an improvement in Great South Bay weakfish action last week. On Wednesday, Jim Belmonte and George Dietz checked in with 6 weaks from 9-10 pounds. On Thursday, Joe Plotino clicked with a trio of tiderunners to 12 pounds. Both scores were made in the Ocean Beach area. Fluke fishing remains steady but George reminded lots of shorts are being taken. Both killies and spearing have been taking the fish. Lots of blowfish in the bay with fair numbers of them showing up at local docks. On the freshwater front, one customer stopped by to show 5 largemouths up to 4.6 pounds which he took from Mill Pond in Patchogue.

Ed Sprindys and his pretty daughter Kim with 35 flounder up to 2 lbs. caught at the Elbow in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of L&M Marine in East Moriches.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of lots of small blues roaming the Bay and Inlet. Plenty of bigger fish in the 3-5 pound class taken over the weekend by trollers and jiggers in 80' of water southeast. Rod knew of one customer who took over 100 of the choppers. There was a flurry of weakfish action in West Channel towards the end of last week but weekend boat traffic seemed to turn the fish off. Small weakfish in the 1-2 pound class along with some big blowfish are being taken off of Heckscher on sandworms or squid strips. The only shark news John had was of an estimated 200 pound dusky which was dropped at the boat by a group of bluefish anglers working in 80' of water.

Susan Farrish weighed a 10.10 pound weak at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**. Irene Cioffi who weighed the fish, reported it was taken in West Channel on a squid and sand combo. This was Saturday. Irene called the fluking in the area decent but reminded that lots of shorts are mixed in with the keepers. Lots of small blues roaming the bay and just outside the inlet. Tins and Ava 007

A couple of regulars out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches, Stan Bigora and Hank Kurz pose with 55 flatties taken at Havens Point.

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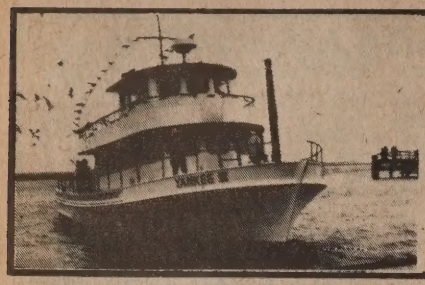

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jigs working best at the inlet while poppers and small tins take fish inside the Bay. The big news here was the 400 pound thresher shark taken by Ron Rossi south of the inlet on Sunday. Ron was fishing with Mike DePalo and Jim Cavanagh aboard Jim's boat 4 Jays. It took Ron 3½ hours to whip the large shark. The group also recorded lots of shark and bluefish activity in the slick but most of their time was spent battling the big thresher. Irene reminded that she does have live eels in stock for those looking to drill out a striper.

Working our way west to **Bay Shore**, we hear from Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** that some boatmen managed catches of 5-6 big weaks at buoy 12 and West Channel this past week. Best scores seem to be made on sandworms at the top of the flood. Best fluking has been west of the bridge to the inlet and in Snake Hill Channel with killie and squid combos. Small blues are all over the bay and larger fish in the 3-8 pound range were settled in 80' of water SE of the Inlet on Sunday. Some real slammers were found in 180' of water SE of the Inlet by the crew aboard the Bali. They had a load of choppers in the 15-18 pound range and told of dropping a 400-500 pound mako after twice having the wire to the boat. Some good crabbing now going on at the Bay Shore docks.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait Station** said that a few fluke are being taken at Fisherman's Wharf at Captree. He weighed a couple of flatties in the 3-4 pound range this past week. Dennis Bricken checked in an 11 pound weakfish on Friday. It was taken on a private boat at the Inlet. The Jones Beach piers came alive with flounder last week as the fish are now bunched up and working through the Inlet out to the Ocean. Worms are working best on these fish. For boatmen, Noel reminded that a number of boats scored well with the flounder inside the Sore

Louis Vitale with a 7.4 lb. fluke taken on the Bay Shore open boat, "Casey Lee."

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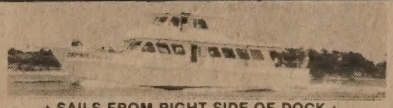

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Thumb pocket over the weekend.

Fluking continues to be the mainstay over at **Captree** where Capt. Speedy Hubert described this past week's action as fair to good. Speedy has been working between the bridge and the Inlet and while there has been quite a bit of action a good percentage of the fish are shorts. Weakfishing continues to be a real pick with the exception of last Wednesday night when one drift alone produced nearly 40 tiderunners in the 8-14 pound range. Most trips have been averaging 3-5 fish per man. The **Speedy VI** is currently gearing up for night blues, keep an eye out for more details in the ad.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Jib VI** said that Friday was a pretty good day for fluke. Ronnie DePrima and a group of friends from the Nassau County Police Department put away their fair share of the summer flatties. Of the weekend, Carl said that fishing was decent for the most part with fish spread around a number of areas. Best of the action on the weekend seemed to be around the RM bridge and in the State Channel.

Capt. Bill Russo of the charter boat **Prime Time** found some good fluke action for a group from Taystee Bread. Individual scores ranged from 4-10 fluke per man. Bill Purran took the pool with a 3½ pounder. Action was only fair on Saturday with Shaun Fullam taking that day's pool. Sunday saw some fine action in the State Channel until boat traffic put an end to it. Sunday's party was headed by Mil Loeb. Pool fish for the day was a 4 pounder caught by Jack Heenan.

Capt. Ed Laske of the charter boat **Dixie** said that fluking remains pretty good on most days. He has been working between the Inlet and the Lighthouse and using combo baits of sandeel and squid and spearing and squid.

Capt. Tom Burke of the **Lady Ann** called to report good fluking all week with the exception of Sunday. Saturday saw very good action in the State Channel with more than half of the fish taken falling into the keeper category. A 5 pounder took the pool. Working the bridge area in the early part of the week during the last half of incoming produced a 75 percent keeper ratio.

The charter boat **Capt. Eddie B** reported a good fluke score for Saturday's half day trip working between the inlet and the lighthouse with sandeels and squid. Fifty percent of the fish were keepers. Swiching over to flounder at mid-day produced an excellent catch of flatties at the Sore Thumb. Most ranged between ¾ and 1 pound. The fish bit on both tides.

Capt. John of the charter boat **Afterglo** told of trolling nearly 50 blues for a group headed by Damien Speares. This was on Saturday. The biggest concentration of fish accordint to the skipper was found near Davis Park.

From **Suffolk Marine** in **Babylon**,

Bobby said that Sam Vogel and friends chummed up 60 blues in the 2-5 pound class in 60' of water. He added that fluking has been fair to good in the inlet area with a lot of shorts but some nice fish mixed in.

Moving over to **Augie's**, Mickey Chiarenza made note of the improved weakfish action. Apparently it carried over into the weekend for some. On Saturday, Willie Purves and Wolf Hager aboard the Lucky Wolf clicked with 5 weaks from 6-10.6 pounds in West Channel. Also on Saturday Dennis and Robert Miccio took 5 weaks from 8-12 pounds. Most fish were taken on Jelly Worms or sandworms. Dennis Kasenchak put a pair of respectible stripers aboard his Swamp Fox on Thurday. Fishing the inlet with live eels he took fish of 28 and 32.13 pounds. Mickey, too, made note of the concentration of blues SE of the Inlet in 80' of water.

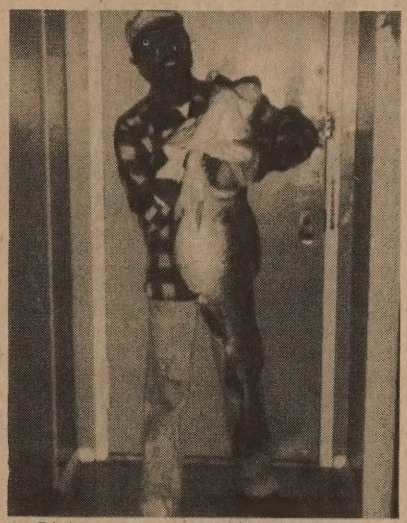
From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani said that flounder action remained very good at the Sore Thumb with catches of 40-60 flatties per boat the norm. A chum pot loaded with clam bellies seems to be the key. Best bet for fluke is to work the Moses' Bridge area around the turn of the tide with combo baits as already stated here, Mike noted the improvement in the weakfishing last week. Boatmen working during the evening in West Channel made some decent scores using sandworms or sinking Rebels. Mike knew of blues in the 12-15 pound class taken in 85' of water SW of the Inlet and was enthused by the excellent showing of big blue claw crabs at the Lindenhurst Town Dock. Traps seem to be working best at this stage of the game.

Over at **Comb's Bait and Tackle** in **Amityville**, George called the fluking at West Island, Four Corners and Amity Cut good for those using killie or spearing and squid combos. Small weaks and blues on tins between the Copiague Hole and Unqua Point. Blackfish and flounder still at the 3rd Wantagh Bridge and small blues along with an occasional weak or bass being trolled at the inlet on Umbrellas George suggested using white tubes with pink tails. He also heard of a number of blue sharks taken offshore and a big mako dropped in 200' of water near the HA buoy.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

As the spring warms up, the fluke continue to move steadily through the inlets and around in most of the main channels with some sneaking into the creeks and back spots during the cover of darkness. At the same time, the flounder fishing continues to be very good particularly in the deeper spots around the bridges and in the main channels for those chumming heavily. The first shark reports are in and some bluefish catches are being made and the season seems to be progressing nicely.



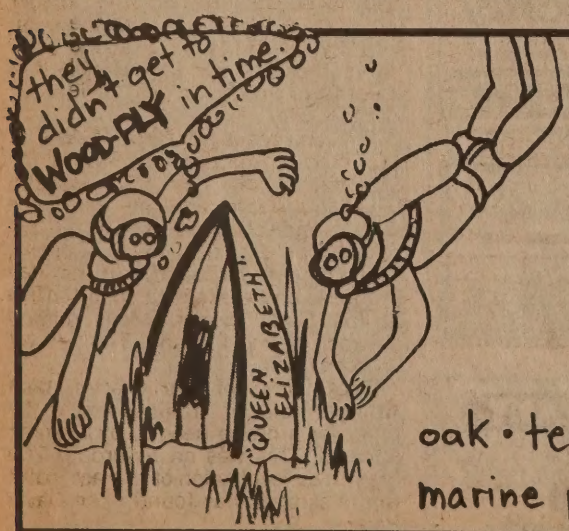
Richard Kincaid hefts the 47 lb. cod he decked earlier this season on Freeport open boat, "Capt. Al."

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

A call from John at **Pop's Fishing Station** advises that this week has seen an increase in the fluke catches, while the flounder catches have taken a little slide although large numbers of flounder were caught on the west side of the 2nd Wantagh bridge west to the Meadowbrook Bridge, including the Jones Beach Piers. Getting in on this activity were Lenny Moss, Jr. and Sr. and Pete Billella who hoisted 70 flounder on bloods and mussel bait and a lot of mussel chum. Squaw Island has also been producing flounder. The best fluke catch Saturday was Henry Ericsen with 18 keeper fluke taken between Four Corners and the 2nd Wantagh bridge. John says there's been about a 70 percent keeper ratio.

Over at **Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle** the opinion from Lon is that the fluking has gotten off to a good start particularly at Massapequa Cove and the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges, plus the Jones Beach Piers and the inlet. Squid and killies or squid and sand eel combos are the ticket. The flounder remain good, fish hitting worms with great gusto. Blackfishing at the bridges remains fair on fiddlers.

We learn from Jim Watt at **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore** that he had 18 keeper fluke Sunday morning fishing the area of the 2nd Wantagh bridge on sand eel/squid combos. Flounder at the Meadowbrook bridge have been a good item on worms, particularly at the slack. Small blues have periodically been blitzing the inlet and can be had on small tins and



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umbrellas. Some big bluefish were jigged in 60 feet of water by some disappointed shark fishermen on their way back in.

Ray Cotti fishing out of **Nick's Marina** in **Merrick** scored with 52 flounder from 1¼ to 1¾ lbs. fishing in the middle of Swift Creek off the bay houses on outgoing water using worms and plenty of mussel chum. Fluking has been very good at the Meadowbrook bridge on the west side and also in Rowboat Alley, but the latter has a lot of short fish thrown in. This has been on sand eels and on spearing. Some small blues from the R2 buoy out to 50 feet of water.

Swinging over to the **Freeport** action we learn from Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** of 17 blue sharks that were tagged and released aboard the Karavan. These were in the 70 to 80 lb. class taken in 200 feet of water south of Jones Inlet. Jeff Squeri aboard his boat Shannon hoisted a 173 lb. blue shark and he released five other blue shark. Bill Rogers on the Rainbow Eyes on 20 pound test hooked and fought for 2½ hours an estimated 300 lb. mako which finally broke off. Fluking has taken an upswing from the M bridge to the inlet, in Reynolds Channel from the golf course on east and from the Swift Creek bridge on down. Flounder have been excellent in the State Channel at the M bridge, around the Jones Beach piers and at the Wantagh bridges. Both tides have been producing and chumming is a must.

The word from Capt. Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** is that his week's best fluking has been best at the inlet with fish to 4 lbs. and a 50 percent keeper ratio. The area of the Meadowbrook bridge and Reynolds Channel up to the loop bridge have also been productive. Fishing has improved with the weather said the skipper. Flood tide has been best using spearing and fluke belly. Pools for this week were taken by Ed McCarthy of Woodhaven and Lucy Fardkin and Mr. Wade, both of Eagle Electric. High hook of the week was Tony Soper of Eagle Electric and the largest fish of the week was caught by Walt Hanosko of Queens Village.

A call from Capt. Bill Venetzia of the charter boat **Ivory Queen** told of Saturday's trip for Frank Schechter and party of Oakdale. After a fruitless shark trip they slammed 32 large blues in the 10-15 pound range southeast of Jones in 140' of water. Sunday's group from Milbourn Service Station, Valley Stream, led by Jack Diliver had 25 good keeper fluke up to 3 lbs. working Jones Inlet and Reynolds channel. They had a 2/3 keeper ratio and caught best on spearing and fluke belly.

The **Capt. Al** has been productively working inshore wrecks, rocks and reefs with big catches of ling, sea bass and blackfish. Ling have been showing in the greatest numbers.

We hear from Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** that Thursday's

Dave Langdon shows the 5½ lb. fluke he decked off of Riis Park.. Either other fluke in the 2-3 lb. range were taken as well. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway.

fluking was excellent with catches of up to 15 keepers a man. Friday through Sunday catches were off due to the heave and the heavy boat traffic. Fish are around though, said the skipper and in good numbers. The boat will also be starting to fish for night blues Friday and Saturday of this week and next Friday will be fishing blues every night at 7PM along with the daytime fluking trips.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary** Saturday the Lori Murphy party of Queens had a decent pick of fluke in several back areas. A 3 lber. took the pool for Rich Gentile. High hook was Tony Bellotti with 16 keepers. Sunday's trip for Fish and Brew Fishing Club found fluking very picky all the way from the inlet to Rockaway. A 3½ lb. fluke took the pool money for Ron Carmen. Seven keepers won high hook honors for Sue Carmen. Six-year old Heather McCormick caught her first fish ever.

Aboard the charter boat **Nan-Sea** Saturday Gordon Spencer and party from upstate New York had a mess of 10 to 15 lb. bluefish on light tackle, working west of the HA. NO sharks came into the slick.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we learn of good fluking for the charter fleet and the **Super Spray II** Thursday and Friday. Saturday's fluking was good in the AM on what remained of the flooding tide. The **Super Spray's** offshore bottom fishing in the PMs have come up with super catches of ling and sea bass. Aboard the SS II John Hayes of Richmond Hill bagged a 7½ lb. fluke Thursday. Ninety percent of the fluke were keepers Thursday through Saturday. Lots of big blues way off the beach in the 10-12 lb. range. These are the forerunners of the mainbody of fish with big heads and thin bodies.

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A call from charter boat **Lady J III** told of good fluking Tuesday for Lumber Headquarters of Floral Park, with Sy Menscher taking the pool with a 4½ lb. fluke. Saturday's group had good fluking in the AM with the incoming tide for Dan Hoffman's group from LaBranche and Co., NYC. It was Jones in the AM and Riis Park in the PM. Sunday's trip for Kuniyoshi Matsui group picked away at fluke in Jones Inlet. All fluke were taken on spearing and squid combos.

We hear from **Anthony's Fishing Station** of a fluke catch Saturday by Carl Frey of 23 keeper fluke trolled on fluke belly in Fundy Bay. Anthony tells of good mixed bag catches of fluke, flounder, sea bass and blackfish by just about all of his rentals.

In nearby **Pt. Lookout** the charter boat **Marie III** on Tuesday fished the Topside Bar and Grill of NJ. They had slow fluking in the AM, then some fast flounder action at the Meadowbrook bridge at slack, buoy 14 in Long Creek and at the phone dock. Clam was the attractor for flounder to 2½ lbs. Thursday's trip for Andrew Jackson H.S. teachers saw good flounder catches in the AM at the M bridge to 3 lbs. on clam. Then into Reynolds for some fluke. There were also sea bass mixed in on both days. Saturday's trip saw Reynolds Channel, Garrett's Lead and some back spots worked with a lot of fluke caught. The body count was 148 keeper fluke with about an equal number returned to grow a few inches. Sunday's group fished the same spots for a decent fluke pick. A 4 lb. fluke took the pool for Geanne Miller of the Ladies Merrick Rod and Gun Club. The boat still has a few July and August Sundays open.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** we learn from skipper Walt Specht of good catches made during the week for the most part. On Monday's PM trip Sid Carmen had 13 fluke while Eric Olsen had 12. Tuesday's efforts were highly rewarding with Bob Catorski banging 23 fluke while Casey Specht, Pat Spoto and Barbara Honeyman accounted for 31 keeper fluke. Fish bit on both tides this week. Thursday's AM trip had Jim Harvey of Queens Village taking the pool, while on the PM trip Brian Fogelson had 9 keeper fluke plus the pool. Friday's AM trip had Virginia Smith of Lady Reelers Fishing Club take the pool with a 5.8 lb. fluke and in the PM, Mannie Rappaport took pool honors. Saturday's Am trip had Bill Reese with the pool fish and in the PM, Dr. Joe Schonberger had a 4 lb. pool fluke. On Sunday's AM trip, the pool went to Jim Ruggiero.

From Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** we learn of 13-year-old Andrew Ragone of Douglaston, Queens with his 3½ lb. flounder caught in Reynolds Channel just east of the Meadowbrook bridge on clam Friday. Joe Martorello, Staten Island put the brakes on a 6½ lb. fluke fishing squid in Jones Inlet. Bill Blitz on his boat Off The Record set the

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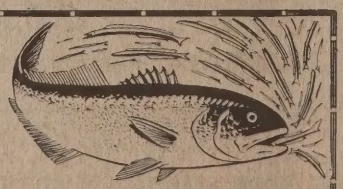
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hook on a 4½ lb. fluke on spearing on Riis Park. Al and Ernie Becofsky cornered 57 blackfish to 4 lbs. at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek bridges on fiddlers. Fluking improved this week said Marilyn at buoys 17 18 and 19, and at the Meadowbrook area and the south end of Long Creek south of the bridge. Last of the flood has been best. Flounder still good in Fundy Bay, Swift Creek and at the CG station along with Long Creek. Loads of big blues at the HA.

Over in **Island Park** the **Commodore** had decent fluking through Friday at the inlets and in the bays. Saturday AM was good inside and outside though things were hampered a bit by big ground swells. Sunday was a slow pick all day at Debs Inlet and Riis Park though things improved later in the PM. Ambrose and the Tin Can have been shaping up very nicely. Trips have been averaging 6-8 keeper fluke a man for the week on fluke belly and spearing bait. The skipper recommends that for days that he is fishing in the ocean that fares bring conventional rods and reels loaded with 15 to 20 lb. mono in order to cope with the fast drifts and heavier 6 oz. sinkers so that they can lay into a good fluke when the time comes.

The hot news from **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** is that plenty of fluke have invaded Reynolds Channel from the railroad trestle to the Atlantic Beach bridge. Fish are in the main channel rather than the creeks. Small blues are mixed in at times. Incoming tide has been best with the last two hours especially good on squid-spearing combos or squid-sand eel combos.

A little to the west the report fromk **Long Beach Sports Marina** is of good fluke catches, especially at Duck Point and Reynolds channel's buoy 9 area and the ocean off Riis Park. It's been mostly killies in the bay and white bait better in the ocean. Ralph and Bob Seamen fishing off Riis Park took 35 keeper fluke up to 4 lbs. Saturday. Sharpies Bob Reynolds and pal had a load of flounder to 3 lbs. in Reynolds on worms and mussel chum. Small blues 1-2 miles off the beach off Rockaway. Large blues in the shark slicks from 100 feet of water on out.

Over in **Atlantic Beach**, Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** tells of a fair amount of small stripers trolled at the Tin Can and Ambrose Channels. Just a pick here and there and on umbrellas while anglers are bluefishing. Some 20 and 30 pounders are being taken in the early morning hours and at dusk on cut bait. Bluefish are back in force in the NY Bight area for chummers and diamond jiggers and the fluking in Reynolds, the inlets and off the beaches have been fair to very strong.

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** told us about a lot of fluke caught off the beaches of Playland, Riis Park and at Ambrose. Also from the CG station to the bridge on killie-squid combos in the bay and sand eel-spearing combos in the ocean. There is still good

Barry Howell took this 46½ lb. cow bass from the Rockaway surf on a 5½" RedFin. The huge striper was the first bass over 5 lbs. for the Brooklyn angler. It was weighed at Stella Maris Bait and Tackle in Sheepshead Bay.

blackfishing at both ends of the Atlantic Beach bridge and off the Silver Point jetty on fiddlers. Nice flounder catches at buoy 5 and at the Magnolia Blvd. Pier. Big blues far off in the HA area. A few weaks taken by a couple of boats trolling blues in the Jones Inlet area.

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The word from **Skippy's Tackle** is of a lot of flounder still being caught off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club on worms and clam, both tides. Fluke being caught off Playland and Riis Park and scattered cocktail blues showing up unpredictably at the inlets. Fluking has picked up at the inlets and in the bays. Flounder of 2 lbs. 10 oz. and a couple of 3 lbers. and other big flatties have been taken this week at Short Beach, Swift Creek, the slack at the Meadowbrook Bridge, buoy 5 Reynolds and the AB Bridge. Blacks still being caught on fiddlers at the bridges and jetties.

Sitting on the edge of **Jamaica Bay, Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** advises that small porgies have started on worm and clam. Some blackfish are still around on clam and fiddlers and an occasional fluke is taken off the bridges. (north and south channel bridges.)

J-Bay Fishing Station says the fluke have moved in at Silver Hole and are being taken best on spearing and on killies. Some 3½ and 4½ lbers. have been brought in, but there are lots of throwbacks in the area. Cocktail blues are being caught at the Silver Hole jetty also. Eels are all over the bay as are tons of tiny unkeepable porgies.

In **Sheepshead Bay**, Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** advised that Monday through Thursday's fluking was excellent. On Wednesday Al Odson of Brooklyn managed 37 fluke to 6½ lbs. Many fares caught 25s, 30s...10 keepers was low hook. Friday and Saturday were slow due to the heave. Sunday bounced back again and several 4 lbers. were taken. Action has been on the red side of Ambrose, the black side of the Can and off Riis Park. Butch says it looks like another

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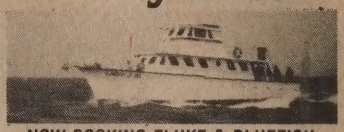

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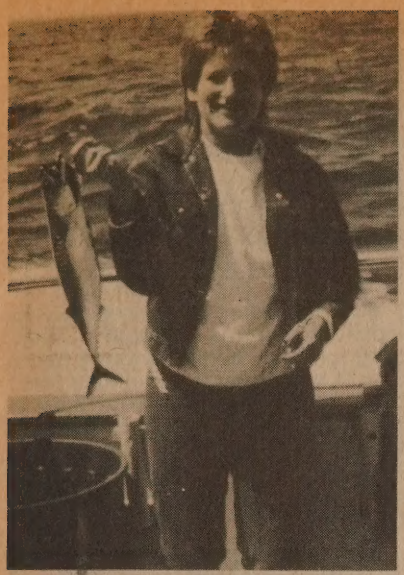


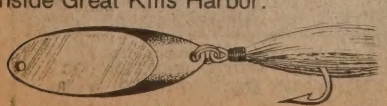
Thirteen-year-old Karen Josephs with one of many big mackerel taken on a recent trip aboard the New Rochelle open boat, "Klondike VIII."

large body of fluke has moved into the area and there are very good signs for a good fluke summer.

Fluke fishing also continues nicely aboard the **Elsie K III** with consistency the name of the game. At the Tin Can, off Rockaway and at the channels. Several fish during the week have neared the 5 lb. mark.

Neil at **Stella MARIS Bait and Tackle** told of plenty of fluke being caught east of the jetty, off the Coney Island flats and drifting in front of the Coney Island pier. Lots of hand sized porgies 2 to 3 miles east of the Breezy Point jetty. Lots of blues being umbrellaed at the Tin Can and off Coney Island. Party boats are bluefishing also with good catches.

Across the water in **Staten Island**, Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** advised that the best bet now is the small bluefish from 1/ to 4 lbs. with some 8 to 12 lbers. mixed in on the last three hours of flood at Great Kills Park Beach on bunker and mackerel chunks. Also fromk Great Kills to Princess Bay, day or night. Blackfishing is strong in South Beach and Berger Ave. storm sewers and off the Old Home dock in Annadale. These blacks are averaging 1 to 2 lbs. with a few 4 and 5 lbers., fiddlers best. Fluking has increased in volume with a 50 percent keeper ratio to the tune of 3 to 6 keepers a man average. South Beach and Berger Ave. storm sewers again along with the jetty in Great Kills Park and Princess Bay. Some blowfish mixed in at Great Kills Park. Some schoolie bass off Penny Beach on bait and Cliff Street on artificials, fish 1-3 lbs., ebb tide best. Good early catches of blue claw crabs inside Great Kills Harbor.



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with Marty Garrell

Fishing slowed somewhat on new moon tides during a beautiful weekend, but most bottom anglers had a pick in various locations. Fluke seem to be waiting in the wings, but most of the action is still on flounder and blackfish. Small bluefish and porgies highlight the Peconics during the weekdays, although weekends bring heavy traffic almost everywhere.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun reported local blackfish in the **New Rochelle** area with flounder and porgies up at Matinecock. A very few mackerel were caught to the east early last week.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** mentioned blackfish in the same spots around the CBS Tower, Steppingstone Light, and Hart's Island with school bass also in the news. There were a few cocktail blues off Mamaroneck with some bass as well.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of a lull late last week with zip results on bass and just a few 1-2 pound blues around.

The **Klondike VIII** went probed the Norwalk area for some fair flounder action, hopping and moving to pick at fish all the way to 2½ pounds. There were some blackfish mixed in as well. Trouble is that there are still not enough fish there to satisfy full crowds, even though the action is in shallow water with less than 4 ounces of lead.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** felt that drifting was more productive than anchoring off the Norwalk Islands, but he found better flounder action on fish over ¾ pounds off Lloyds in less than 10' of water. Although the boat had 25 porgies one day last week, only 3 scup came aboard on Sunday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ronnie's in **Huntington** still liked the blackfishing off Eaton's and mentioned a pair of large bass, 17 and 26 ponds taken on worms and Rebels. Bob Cedar at **Huntinton Prop** weighed in the first 50 pound bass of the season for Jim Bryant on Saturday morning. The cow was taken on a live eel fished from a boat. Several nice bass to 28 pounds were trolled on

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Bowman's in **Northport** told us that just about every kind of fishing is available now. Tautog to 7½ pounds have been taken from the beach at Makamah, and Eaton's has yielded enormous bulldogs to teen sizes. Loads of blues around 3 pounds are in the area and there are still mackerel in the coast Guard Basin. Evening fishing inthe Valley Grove area has been hot with a smattering of bass and weakfish thrown in.

Sal Gattuso at **Sutler's** in **Port Jefferson** saw porgies to 1½ pounds off Buoy 11 and the Pipeline, along with sea bass. He also weighed in a pair of weaks caught on sandworms, one a 13 pound giant. Gattuso notes that Friday's water temperature was 60 degrees. The **Caraftis Fishing Station** noted a slower weekend on blackfish to 9 poiunds off Oldfield with a slight slowdown in porgy fishing as well. Better fishing awaits slofter tides late this week says Tim Caraftis. **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** mentioned an excellent catch of porgies to 2 pounds from the Middle Grounds on Sunday.

Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** was excited about Billy's huge 11 pound tautog taken last week. On new moon tides, the mussel beds off Eaton's were unfishable at mid-tide with less than 8 ounces and lots of line. Consequently, Collins has been working flounder off Lloyds and Norwalk on running water. Some sea bass are showing too.

NORTH FORK

Bluefish were the major attraction in the western Peconics over the weekend according to Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's**, and Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt**. A catch of 6 sea bass, some of which went over 4 pounds and one fish of 6¼ pounds, highlighted the weekend at the former station. Among 65 boats from the latter, only two had weaks on Saturday, but there was a nice load of porgies taken inside buoy 12 plus a smattering of smaller scup.

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line for Sound blackfish and felt that the area east or west of Mttituck Inlet was also very good. Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** amplified the report by mentioning tautog in the 3-4 pound range, plus a few sea bass, a few porgies, and a few fluke. The period around the high tide, roughly three hours on either side has been the most productive.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** spoke of a slaughter of small weakfish on umbrella rigs early in the week off Jessups. Both Dave Green and Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** had outstanding catches. Small blackfish were all over the Sound and there were still good flounder in Petty's Bight. Rod DeLisle on the **Prowler II** called to say that the Orient flounder have dropped in size to roughly 1¼ pounds, but that soft baits on hot spots will produce nice catches of blackfish and sea bass. Also, on Friday, Roosevelt Brooks' party loaded up on porgies with a few small weaks and some blues.

Anna Rainis said that the **Blue Albatross** had seen a couple of fluke already but was still fishing close to Sound beaches for flounder and blackfish. The boat will be sailing as a open boat on Dad's Day, next Sunday.

George Porter said that last Thursday was a banner day for the **Brand X** with 114 summer weakfish brought aboard. These are typically 2-3 pound fish. With the weekend mob of boats, it was hard to find consistent porgy fishing but the big boat did have one blast of blues plus some big porgies on Sunday. The largest scup still run toward the 2 pound mark, and Porter feels they will be increasingly available as soon as they finish spawning.

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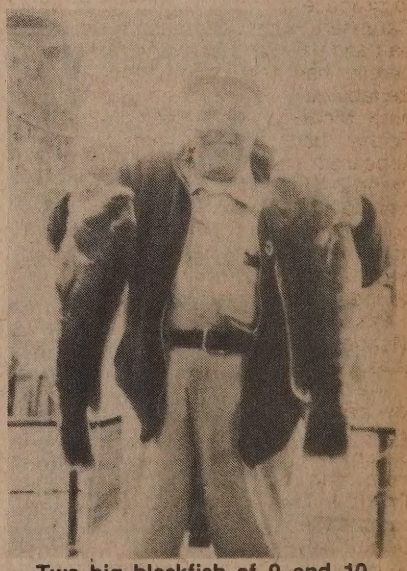

Two big blackfish of 9 and 10 lbs. taken aboard the City Island open and charter boat "Apache," are displayed by Tommy, a regular aboard the boat.

Victor Gonzalex, Bill Orhoff and Fred Weiler with the largest of the many blackfish they caught off of Eaton's Neck while fishing aboard the Huntington open boat, "Ever Ready II."

way down to New London. Larry Ciccato told us that flounder run from postage stamps all the way up to 2 pounds, but that blackfishing off Fisher's on slack water was outstanding with some "fall sized" fish. The Sound off Greenport yielded a mixed bag including porgies and sea bass on Sunday.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Several good stripers highlight this week's report as no one area seemed to produce any real consisten action. Caumsett, which had been alive with bait and fish, fell flat by the time most people had read about the action. Reliable sources reported that beginning Monday, and through at least Friday, both bait and fish had disappeared from the area. Small blues in the 2-4 lb. range provided the best chance for action at South Shore inlets during the evening and early morning hours. Night fishing this past week was hampered in many areas by an abundance of "fire" in the water.

Here's how things shaped up after Monday morning's round of phone calls.

Via the grapevine came reports of a few bass in the teens and 20s taken from the West End Jetty at Jones Beach. More specific was the report from Bob over at **Suffolk Marine Tackle** in **Babylon.** He told of a few bass taken on the backside of Democrat Point including a 24.4 pounder caught by Dennis Begley. Dennis took the fish on an Ava 007 jig and tube combo Friday evening. Bob also passed along word of some small blues at Democrat and at the Sore Thumb. There was a good flurry of

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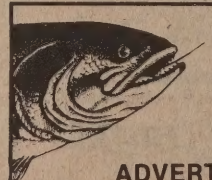
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blues at the Thumb early Saturday morning.

Over at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, George Ruland put a striper of 22.4 lbs. on the scale for Ozzie Von Helmand. Imported from the North Shore, the bass was taken Friday night on a TriFin Eelworm. George reminded that Smith Point Park was reopened to beach vehicles late last week. Casters found some decent action with 2-3 lb. blues on tin at the Inlet and along Great Gun Beach over the weekend.

While Montauk may be lacking in casters, there seem to be enough fish to go around for those few anglers prowling the point. Striper Surf Club member, George Mandarakas of Astoria, had "the light" to himself one evening this weekend. He made the most of it by putting a 28.6 lb. striper on the rocks along with several small blues. A 5½ inch jointed Rebel turned the trick. Johnny Kronuch, Jr. of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, put bass of 32 and 21 lbs. on the scale for George Delecki Monday (6/13) morning. Both were taken on 7½ inch RedFins. Bob Tiederman prowled Shagwong Friday PM and found just what he was looking for in the form of a 35 lb. striper. Johnny reminded, too, that small blues with a few small bass mixed in, moved into casting range "up front" on Sunday evening.

The only positive report to come from the North Shore between Matinecock Pt. and Aquebogue concerned Brent Whiteman who checked in bass of 18 and 22 lbs. at **Ronnie's Tackle Shop** on successive nights. Working the C.S.H Causeway, he took his 18 lber. on a Rebel Friday while the 22 fell to a sandworm on Saturday night. Ronnie Ferraro, of **Ronnie's**, confirmed reports of Caumsett having dropped dead.

Ten-year-old Jason Zengen displays the double-header blackfish and flounder he landed from the beach at Bayville. Subscriber photo.

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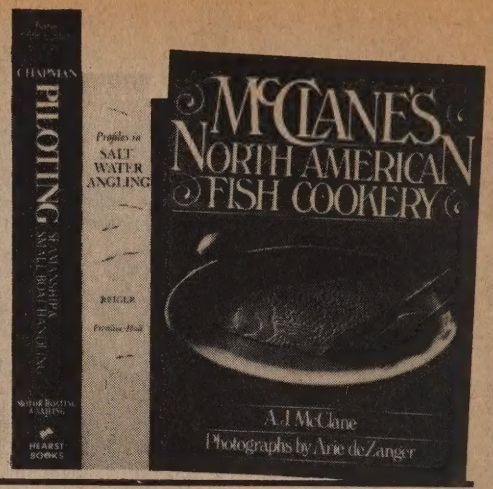

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	12:35	1:20	1:20	2:00	1:20	2:05	2:05	2:55	4:00	5:05	4:00	4:40	12:35	1:10	6/16
FRI.	1:35	2:20	2:20	3:05	2:20	3:00	3:10	4:00	5:25	6:20	5:05	5:40	1:35	2:10	6/17
SAT.	2:35	3:20	3:25	4:10	3:15	3:55	4:20	5:00	6:50	7:25	6:10	6:45	2:35	3:10	6/18
SUN.	3:35	4:20	4:30	5:15	4:15	4:55	5:25	6:00	7:55	8:25	7:15	7:40	3:35	4:05	6/19
MON.	4:35	5:15	5:30	6:05	5:15	5:55	6:30	6:55	8:55	9:20	8:15	8:40	4:30	5:00	6/20
TUES.	5:35	6:05	6:25	6:55	6:15	6:45	7:25	7:45	9:50	10:10	9:10	9:30	5:25	5:50	6/21
WED.	6:30	6:55	7:20	7:45	7:05	7:30	8:15	8:25	10:40	10:55	10:05	10:20	6:15	6:40	6/22
THURS.	7:15	7:35	8:05	8:25	7:55	8:10	9:00	9:10	11:30	11:40	10:50	11:05	7:00	7:25	6/23

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
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On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
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Warren	+0 21
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Wickford	+0 12
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/16	5:24	8:37
FRI. 6/17	5:24	8:37
SAT. 6/18	5:24	8:38
SUN. 6/19	5:24	8:38
MON. 6/20	5:24	8:39
TUE. 6/21	5:24	8:39
WED. 6/22	5:24	8:39

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/16	11:26AM	12:39AM
FRI. 6/17	12:37PM	1:11AM
SAT. 6/18	1:46PM	1:40AM
SUN. 6/19	2:53PM	2:07AM
MON. 6/20	3:59PM	2:33AM
TUE. 6/21	5:05PM	3:01AM
WED. 6/22	6:09PM	3:31AM

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	11:55	**5:45**	—	**6:10**
Sat.	12:25	**6:30**	12:40	**6:50**
Sun.	1:05	**7:10**	1:20	**7:35**
Mon.	1:50	**7:55**	2:05	**8:15**
Tues.	2:30	**8:35**	2:45	**9:00**
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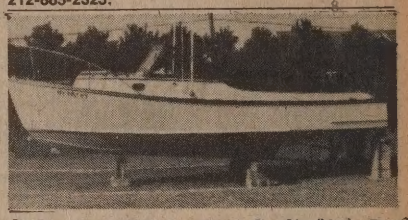

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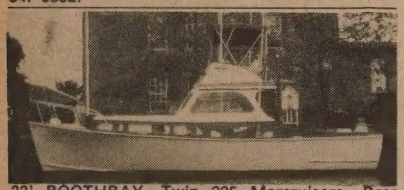

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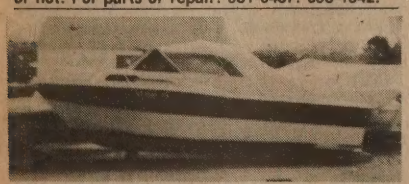

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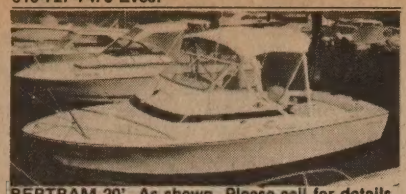

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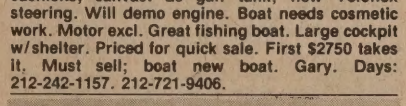

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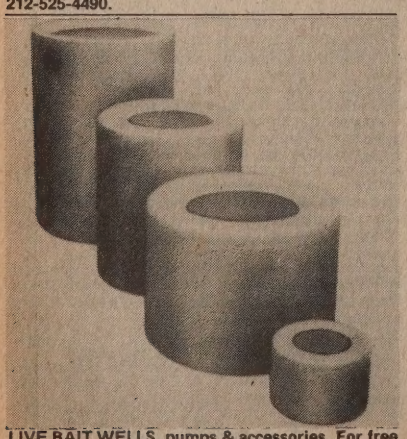

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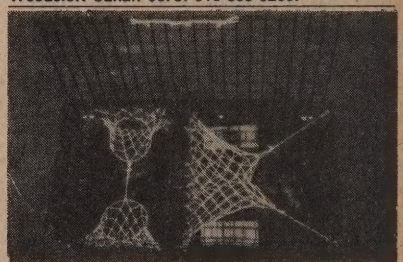

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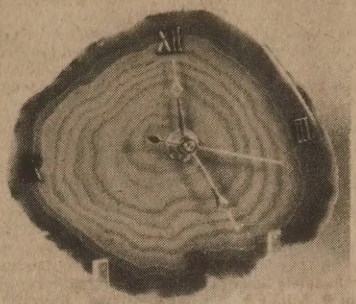

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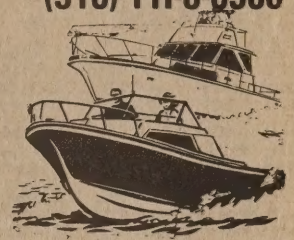

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Eligible Species

Inshore Bottom Fish

Winter Flounder	2
Blackfish	5
Codfish	30
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	5

Inshore Game Fish

Striped Bass	30
Bluefish	15
Weakfish	10
Pollock	20

Offshore Big Game

Bluefin Tuna	200
Mako Shark	200
White Marlin	60
Swordfish	100

Freshwater Game Fish

Brown Trout	3
Brook Trout	2
Rainbow Trout	2
Largemouth Bass	4